

Poland Municipal Forest Board Meeting – Poland Village Hall – July 23, 2019

Meeting called to order at 7:30 pm by the chair

Board Members Present:

James Brammer

Bob Elias

Sam Moffie, Council Representative

Dr. Ian Renne

Mark Thompson

Elinor Zedaker, Chair

Quorum present – yes

Approval of June 25, 2019 Forest Board Minutes:

Thompson made a motion to approve the June 25th minutes, Moffie seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Business:

- *Mauthe Bridge*- Moffie reported that the bid package for the Mauthe Bridge project will be advertised in the newspaper. The Bridge Oversight Committee will receive the bids and make recommendations to the Village Council about their decision.
- *EnviroScience*- A copy of the Poland Municipal Forest Restoration Report was given to all the Forest Board members to read and review to discuss at the August board meeting.
- *Butler Trail Culvert*- Thompson updated the board on the Butler Trail Culvert project. A temporary fix was proposed by Dominion, but it will not be acceptable due to the amount of water that comes down the stream during heavy rains. Discussion will continue between the village and Dominion.
- *Volunteer Work Crews*- The volunteer work crews were rained out on their scheduled workdays. Thompson additionally mentioned that the village work crews cut trees that were blocking trails and at the direction of the Village Council moved the firewood to the College Street entrance for the public to utilize.
- *Old Business*- Renne discussed the deer enclosure and the benefits of seeing an area undisturbed by deer. The board discussed different materials and design. Thompson suggested that we use the material and design that is currently being used in the forest. Elias mentioned that the deer enclosure could be a BSA project. The proposed area for the enclosure will be off Gutknecht Trail, approximately midpoint of the trail. Renne will look up materials and costs. Renne will be speaking on the topic of deer at the Poland Library August 15th.

- *New Business-* Moffie explained the process and the reason behind wanting non-residents of Poland to fill out an application to speak to the Forest Board. The board as a group discussed the different options for public comment.
- Elias made a motion to adopt the procedures currently used by the Village Council to allow non-Poland residents to speak before the board during public comment. Moffie seconds the motion. The Board voted 2 in favor and 3 against, the motion failed.
- Elias made a motion to limit the public comment by each Poland resident to three minutes. Thompson seconded this motion. The Board voted 4 in favor and 1 against, the motion passed. Public comment will be limited to three minutes per Poland resident.
- *Public Comments-* A resident of the village expressed concerns about the use of herbicides that may be used in the forest and asked that any invasive species plan be made public. The importance of not moving firewood out of the forest was mentioned by another resident.

Adjourn:

Moffie made a motion to adjourn, Elias seconded the motion. All said aye.

Next board meeting – Tuesday August 27, 2019