

Poland Municipal Forest Board Meeting – Poland Village Hall – September 24, 2019

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by the chair

Board Members Present:

James Brammer

Bob Elias

Sam Moffie, Council Representative

Dr. Ian Renne

BJ Sulka

Mark Thompson

Elinor Zedaker, Chair

Approval of August 27, 2019 Forest Board Minutes: Thompson made a motion to approve the minutes, Brammer seconded. All said AYE.

Renne stated that he would like to amend the minutes from the August Board meeting. Renne distributed a document with additions that he wanted August minutes to reflect.

Moffie made a motion to amend the August minutes to include additions made by Renne, Renne seconded. Three said AYE, two said no. The motion passed. * Sulka voted no also but his vote did not count due to fact he was not confirmed as a board member during the September meeting.

Reports:

- **Mauthe Bridge Oversight-** Moffie reported that council has had two meetings regarding the Mauthe Bridge and the project is on hold until further notice. Councilman Moffie said he was not at liberty to discuss the reasons behind why the project was on hold.
- **EnviroScience-** A public hearing regarding the report is to be announced including scheduling of all involved and location. Renne asked for an electronic copy of the report. Thompson stated a report will be emailed.

- **Butler Trail Culvert-** Thompson reported that a culvert will be placed by the village to allow for Dominion to access the work area. There is an additional area down the road that will require a culvert. Renne asked if we, the board, have any input on the construction plans. Thompson responded by saying that it is Dominion's easement and responsibility.

Other Business:

- **Deer Over Population Issue-** Renne asked for support from the Board on the deer cull project. Brammer objected his involvement until a plan is established. The board discussed the possibilities and ramifications of a deer cull in the Poland Forest. Thompson offered to assist in making phone calls and asked Renne to email him with details.
- **Deer Exclosure Near College Lane Entrance-** Elias said that BSA volunteerism is possible and ask if we could secure money for the ex-closure from the village levy. Renne asked what fence material the board discussed to buy. A suggestion from a board member was to get three quotes for material.

New Business:

- **Email from Dr. Schroeder-** Dr. Lauren Schroeder explained to the Board that Kyle Lickey would like to do an electro shocking demonstration in Yellow Creek to show potential water and stream quality in the forest. The demonstration would show some types of fish and invertebrates that are living in the streams of the forest. Thompson stated that years of documented research would be needed to show an accurate representation of the effects of current stream quality. The public would be able to attend as an educational opportunity.
- Moffie made a motion to support Kyle Lickey to perform an electroshock demonstration, Elias seconded the motion. All said AYE, the motion passed.

Public Comment:

- A resident spoke about a detail on the EnviroScience report, and suggested that the deer ex-closure be off the main trail.

Adjourn:

- Moffie made a motion to adjourn, Thompson seconded. All said AYE.

The next Forest Board meeting will be October 22, at 7:00pm.

**Amended Minutes from the August 27, Board meeting written by Ian Renne:*

EnviroScience- Mark Thompson reported the EnviroScience report was well written, scientifically sound, and essentially the same as what was presented in March by EnviroScience. Ian Renne disagreed on many accounts, in particular, pointing out what he perceived as scientific inaccuracies regarding the effects of course woody debris on erosion. This lengthy discussion resulted in Sam Moffie/Bob Elias making a motion for at least on public meeting, where EnviroScience would present their report, with public comment, before the Board votes on the EnviroScience report. Renne seconded the motion. Elinor Zedaker stated the Forest Board must make a recommendation to Village Council on the EnviroScience report. Councilwoman Martha Morgan interjected that there must be a public meeting before the Board acts. Councilman Mike Thompson pointed out that the Board enabling legislation placed the responsibility for the forest management with the Board, not the Village Council.

