

**Poland Municipal Forest Board Meeting – Poland Village Hall –
October 22, 2019**

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

Board Members Present:

James Brammer- *Excused absence*

Bob Elias- *Excused absence*

Sam Moffie, *Council Representative*

Dr. Ian Renne

BJ Sulka

Mark Thompson

Elinor Zedaker, *Chair*

A quorum was present.

Approval of September 24, 2019 Forest Board Minutes: Thompson made a motion to approve the minutes, Renne seconded. All said AYE.

Reports:

- **Mauthe Bridge Oversight-** Moffie reported that a complaint with the ADA office regarding the bridge. Village Council representatives met with ADA representatives; however, the Village is waiting for a decision. Moffie stated the Forest Foundation has raised all most all the money needed for the restoration of the bridge.
- **EnviroScience-** A public hearing will be scheduled when all are available.
- **Butler Trail Culvert-** Thompson reported that the project is partially completed, The Village Street Department installed the required plastic pipe. Dominion hired a private engineer and private contractor, and plans to complete their end of the project by the end of the year. Volunteers will have to grade part of the trail. Renne asked if there is a plan to keep the pipes cleared of debris. Thompson stated that the increase of water volume under Route 680 from our neighbors to the west and forest vegetation will be a factor to require monitoring and clearing. There will need to be a workable plan for this/
- **Guthnecht Gate-** Moffie stated that \$250 has been set aside by Village Council.

Other Business:

- ***Deer Over Population Issue-*** Thompson contacted the state forester and was referred to Cleveland Metro Parks. Thompson suggested that we provide education programs to the community. Renne mentioned that he helped at Camp Garfield, and they have had a notable reduction of deer population.
- ***Deer Exclosure-*** Renne remarked that he thought the exclosure would be better viewed along the edge of Guthnecht trail. He provided a sample spec illustration and estimated supply list with relative supply costs. Renne made a motion to approve supplies for the deer exclosure not to exceed \$400. The funds should come from the forest levy monies. Sulka seconded the motion, all voted AYE.

Public Comment:

- Rob Dunham said he will donate the \$400 for the deer exclosure.
- Allison Dunham said she will donate the funds for the educational signage for the exclosure.
- A resident voiced opposition to the deer overpopulation program.
- A resident asked the board to revise the permit and waivers form with a brief explanation as to what activities necessitate submittal of the form, and to place it online.

Adjourn:

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

The next Forest Board meeting will be November 26, at 7:00pm.

