

Poland Municipal Forest Board Meeting – Poland Village Hall – September 22, 2020

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

Board Members Present:

James Brammer

Bob Elias

Chris Graff, *Council Representative*

Dr. Ian Renne

BJ Sulka

Mark Thompson- *Excused*

Elinor Zedaker, *Chair*

Quorum: Yes

Approval of August 25, 2020 Forest Board Minutes: Graff made motion to approve, Sulka seconds. All said AYE

Accept Finance Report: Thompson made a motion to accept the Finance Report, Brammer seconded. All said AYE. Thompson revisited a list of projects that need completed in the forest using money in our account.

Forest Levy Funds: There is an outstanding bill for the Mauthe Bridge in the amount of \$9000.00. The council asked the Forest Board if they would like to pay the bill out of forest funds. Michael Thompson, Council member, spoke about the expense and how the question came before the Board. Mark Thompson also spoke about the outstanding bill. Graff made a motion to table the topic until more information was available, Sulka seconded. All said AYE

Web Page Update: Rob Dunham, IT Solutions, gave an update on the Forest web page. The progress of the site was discussed. Dunham had suggestions about adding educational information and uploading photos of the different seasons.

Invasive Species: Brammer stated that he will contact contractors to discuss the project.

Deer Overpopulation: Renne is writing a report to present to the Board on the topic of deer overpopulation.

Deer Exclosure: A location has still not been decided on, more locations were discussed.

Erosion: Thompson would like to plan visiting the erosion sites and discuss possibilities to address the critical needs.

Stone Wall: The stone wall under the Mauthe Bridge is in need of repair. Thompson spoke of the importance of the wall to the structure of the new bridge. It was suggested that we get quotes for repairing the wall.

Public Comments: A resident spoke about the watershed and how it affects the forest.

Other Business: Thompson reported that an ash tree broke some fence rails. Also, a neighbor near the Indian Trail entrance has part of their driveway on Forest property. In closing, Thompson spoke about how other areas of the country deal with invasive species.

Adjourn: There was no other business to come before the Board. Graff made a motion to adjourn at 8:25, Thompson seconded, and all said AYE.

Next Forest Board meeting: Tuesday, October 27, 2020 7:00 pm at Village Hall.