

## **Poland Municipal Forest Board Meeting – Poland Village Hall – October 27, 2020**

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

### **Board Members Present:**

James Brammer

Bob Elias, *Excused*

Chris Graff, *Council Representative*

Dr. Ian Renne

BJ Sulka

Mark Thompson

Elinor Zedaker, *Chair*

**Quorum:** Yes

**Approval of September 22, 2020 Forest Board Minutes:** Graff made motion to approve, Thompson seconds. All said AYE

**Finance Report:** The unencumbered balance of the Forest finances is \$21,733.16. There was a \$250.00 check contribution deposited from Chris Stanley. Thompson made a motion to accept the report, Sulka seconded, all said AYE.

**Payment of Surety Bond for the Board Treasurer:** Renne made a motion to authorize payment of the Surety Bond for the Forestry Board Treasurer in the amount of \$126.00, Graff seconded, all said AYE.

**Payment of IT Solutions outstanding invoice:** Sulka made a motion to authorize payment to Tailored IT Solutions in the amount of \$3,745.54 for services reflected in the invoice, Brammer seconded, all said AYE.

**Tabled Recommendation:** Thompson made a motion to take from the table the topic from council asking the Forest Board if they would like to pay the bill out of forest funds for the Mauthe Bridge \$9000. Sulka seconded the motion, all said AYE. Thompson made a motion that the Forest Board will not pay the \$9,000 outstanding invoice from forest funds, because it is not part of the Forest Board, Renne seconded, Graff abstained from the vote, the remaining Board members said AYE.

**Benches and Picnic Tables:** There was discussion around the table of the Forest Board regarding the possibility of acquiring new benches and picnic tables. It was suggested that we focus on replacing the existing benches in the forest with new ones. Placing new benches at the two main entrances to the forest was also suggested. Thompson, Zedaker, and Graff are going to call different bench companies and get pricing.

**Invasive Species:** Brammer walked the forest with an employee from Davey Resource Group (DRG). DRG will provide a quote for invasive species control in the forest.

**Deer Overpopulation:** It was suggested that it may be a good time to reach out to the wildlife officer that specializes in deer control.

**Deer Exclosure:** A location has still not been decided on.

**Erosion:** There was a discussion about Blue Bell Trail. A group hike will take place at a future date.

**Stone Wall:** No contractor has been available to visit the site. We will have further conversations about the project.

**Public Comments:** Councilwoman Morgan asserted to the Forest Board that there will be no more in person meetings, all meeting will be virtual. The Board responded that we were aware of future meetings being virtual and explained that we were setting the stage for the next meeting. Morgan also stated that she would like to see a list of chemicals that may be used for the invasive species project.

A resident spoke about Beech leaf disease and passed out a flyer on the subject. Evidence of BLD has been found in the forest. It was recommended that a sample be sent out to Ohio State for confirmation.

Rob Dunham explains how to use Zoom for the next Board meeting.

**Other Business:** Zedaker read a letter from a forest visitor that thanked the volunteers that opened the trail in the forest.

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

Next Forest Board meeting: Tuesday, November 24, 2020 7:00 pm at Village Hall.

