

Poland Municipal Forest Board Meeting – Poland Village Hall – November 26, 2019

Meeting called to order at 7:05 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*

Quorum: Yes

Approval of October 22, 2019 Forest Board Minutes: Thompson made a motion to approve the minutes, Sulka seconded. All said AYE. A correction to the date on the October minutes was noted and will be corrected.

Reports:

- **Mauthe Bridge Oversight-** Moffie spoke about the committee. Moffie stated that the committee has been waiting on the ADA. A meeting is forthcoming on the Bridge project. The Forest Board discussed the ADA guidelines.
- **EnviroScience-** Thompson reported that we are still waiting on the scheduling of all parties.
- **Butler Trail Culvert-** Thompson stated that the third culvert pipe has been installed. Dominion has to complete their side of the project. Dominion is hopeful to have the project done by the end of the year.
- **Guthnecht Gate-** It has been reported that the money for the gate is available. Elias asked if the gate was necessary. The Board discussed options. Elias said he would find the cost associated with completion.
- **Deer Overpopulation-** Renne does not have any updates at this time. Thompson has brochures and pamphlets on deer population control and will

hand out at a later date. Thompson stated that education should be the next step. The Board discussed the impact of the overpopulation of deer in the forest.

- **Deer Exclosure-** The BSA are willing to help build the deer fence. Moffie ordered the supplies for the exclosure and the material is on site and ready to be built. Thompson stated that after the deer exclosure is built we will add signage. Thompson suggested that we use different fence next time.
- **December Board Meeting-** Moffie made a motion to cancel the December Forest Board meeting Elias seconded, all said AYE. The date of the next Forest Board meeting will be 1-28-20.

Other Business:

- Moffie stated that he and Martha Morgan will be attempting to amend ordinance 1519-17 regarding the Poland Municipal Forest. Moffie stated the amendments he presented at the meeting will be put in front of Village Council for multiple readings and approval. The sections of ordinance 1519-17 that Moffie has proposed to amend and codify cover; Officers of the Board, Funding, Records of the Board, and Rules and Regulations.
- A discussion was had about building mountain bike trails in the forest.

Public Comment:

- A resident stated her opinion against the proposed deer control.
- A resident asked why the EnviroScience meeting hasn't happened yet.

Adjourn:

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

The next Forest Board meeting will be January 28, at 7:00pm.