

Poland Municipal Forest Board Meeting – Virtual Platform– January 26, 2021

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

Board Members Present:

James Brammer

Bob Elias

Chris Graff, *Village Council Representative*

Dr. Ian Renne

BJ Sulka

Mark Thompson

Elinor Zedaker, *Chair*

Quorum: Yes

Approval of December 22, 2020 Forest Board Minutes: Sulka motioned to approve the minutes, Graff seconded, all said AYE.

Michael Thompson, Village Council president, requested to be on the agenda to discuss the need for forest property title searches that may be necessary for the purposes of the S.B. 310 fund requirements. (Note: this is detail may be relative to the ODNR H.B. 481 Guidelines monitoring use of the funds.) There may be a dozen parcels comprising the forest, and the title information would also benefit the village as documentation. The quote given by the Associated Federal Title for the title research should not exceed \$1,000.00.

Graff made a motion to discuss the request, Elias seconded, all were in favor.

The board discussed the request for the forest parcels title searches and approval of the money for the title searches if needed.

Gary Diorio, Village Engineer, remarked that as the materials are prepared for SB 310 funds, we may already have compiled sufficient information in order to respond.

Graff made a motion to approve the Forest Board pay up to \$1,000.00 for the title searches, Sulka seconded, all were in favor.

Finance Report: Elias spoke about the Proposed 2021 forest budget line items. There is a total of \$38,500 in the budget. Renne asked about the maintenance line item. Thompson and Elias explained that it was used when street department employees are requested to clear roads and other maintenance work. A discussion followed. Sulka made a motion to accept the Proposed 2021 budget and the finance report, Thompson seconded, all were in favor.

S.B. 310 Fund Updates: Thompson spoke about the details on the ODNR H.B. 481 Guidelines and his conversation with the ODNR representative who will oversee the

relative projects in the forest. The structure is to have all projects completed by June 2022 with all project submittals turned in by March of 2022. It was suggested that we stay on top of our projects and complete in an appropriate time frame.

Graff asked Diorio to remark about his experience with the process on other projects, and he recommended on how to proceed.

Thompson met with EnviroScience and a contractor regarding stream bank stabilization. There are plans being drawn up to use natural materials with additional rock to stabilize the bank. The Army Corps of Engineers will be contacted for the proper permits.

Thompson spoke about the trail system, infrastructure, bridges and walking trails. Walking all of the trails; taking notes of repairs and replacements needed is the first step; and this has been started. Renne spoke about looking at more trails in the forest.

Brammer spoke about comfort stations and sent an email to the board to look over the documents from two companies and options. Graff is working in conjunction with Renne on the information.

Deer Overpopulation: It was discussed that Renne's report be made available on the website in the spring and for the possibly of making a video.

Public Comment: A village resident shared trail improvement comments.

Adjourn: Since there was no other business to come before the board, Renne made a motion to adjourn, Brammer seconded, and all said AYE. The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Next Forest Board meeting: Tuesday, February 23, 2021 7:00 pm to be held
virtually.