

MINUTES OF THE JUNE 22, 2021 MEETING  
OF THE POLAND MUNICIPAL FOREST BOARD

CALL TO ORDER 7:04 p.m.

Members present: B.J. Sulka, Christopher Graff, Mark Thompson, Dr. Ian Renee, Bob Elias and Chairperson, Elinor Zedaker

Excused: James Brammer

Quorum: Yes

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM MAY 25th MEETING: Motion to approve by Mark Thompson. Seconded by B.J. Sulka. All said AYE.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Not available since Village Fiscal Officer, Robert Canter is on vacation.

DEER EXCLOSURE: Joseph Gorkos is the Eagle Scout candidate who is interested in taking on the project. He will meet with Dr. Renee and Bob Elias, scout liaison, and select one of two possible locations.

INVASIVE SPECIES REPORT: Not available at this time due to the absence of James Brammer. His report will be provided at the July meeting.

YELLOW CREEK BANK STABILIZATION OF BLUEBELL TRAIL: Mark Thompson made a motion for the Forest Board to recommend to Village Council to enter a contract with EnviroScience to proceed with the Yellow Creek Bank Stabilization of Bluebell Trail. B.J. Sulka seconded.

During discussion, Dr. Renne questioned if there would be another presentation by EnviroScience prior to the beginning of the work? There will not be another presentation. Mark Thompson said EnviroScience uses a contractor who specializes in this work. Bob Elias questioned if there was any idea given as to how long the results of the stabilization would last?

The motion passed to make the recommendation to Council 4 to 1 with Dr. Renne opposed.

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BEAVER DAM BRIDGE: Mark Thompson reported on the work building the new bridge. A dozen volunteers have worked on the bridge to this point. The new bridge is above the low water level. The decking is on the bridge and it is walkable, but still needs the railings installed. The ramp on the south end of the bridge has been installed. Components from the old bridge ( 3 pieces ) will be repurposed and become the ramp for the north end of the bridge. Approximately \$1,600 has been spent to date on material, with another \$400 required to finish.

Mark Thompson also reported recent vandalism to the new bridge has occurred.

OTHER BUSINESS: Mahoning County Mosquito Spraying in the Forest was bought up by B.J. Sulka. Elinor Zedaker replied that the Village was contacted about this, and that Village Council will make the decision in that matter.

B.J. Sulka also reported that more Forest maps are needed to be placed in the two kiosks. Mark Thompson said he has picked up additional maps from the printer and he will give them to B.J. for the distribution as needed.

B.J. Sulka said he will compile information from vendors about the doggy sanitary bags dispensers to place at the Forest entrances. He will bring his findings to the next meeting.

Gravel for the College Lane parking lot will be purchased and spread as soon as the work on the Beaver Dam Bridge is completed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: There were no public comments.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion to adjourn was made by Chris Graff at 7:57 p.m. Seconded by B.J. Sulka. Passed unanimously.

Next Forest Board Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 27, 2021  
at 7:00 p.m. at Village Hall.