

Poland Municipal Forest Board Meeting July 27, 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

Mark Thompson

Elinor Zedaker, *Chair*

Board Members Excused:

BJ Sulka

Quorum: Yes

Approval of June 22, 2021 Forest Board Minutes: Graff made a motion to approve the minutes, Elias seconded, all said AYE

Finance Report: The unencumbered balance is \$26,089.68. The financial funding process for SB10 was explained. Elias made motion to approve the financial report, Graff seconded, all said AYE.

Deer Exclosure: Elias and Renne met with Eagle Scout Candidate Joe Gorkos and his in the forest to discuss the scope of the project. The estimated time for completion is two weekends. Renne stated that there is another site picked out for a second exclosure.

Invasive Species: Brammer made a motion for the Poland Village Council to approve Davey Resource Group (DRG) to treat invasive species along Mckinley Trail. The invasive species continue their destruction of the wildflowers and plants that have historically lived in the forest. Thompson seconded, All said AYE.

Beaver Dam Bridge: The Beaver Dam Bridge is almost done. There is approximately \$2400- \$2500 into the project with some material left over for other trail maintenance projects. Cleaning the deck helped remove some of the slippery surface. The volunteers were recognized and thanked for their efforts and dedication to the project.

Other Business: Renne mentioned that a family inquired about donating a bench and or a stone to honor their late Father, possibly along Blue Bell Trail.

Graff discussed the fact that someone placed a doggy bag dispenser in the forest. No one knows where it came from. The sign will be removed from the forest.

Sulka has information from vendor(s) and will discuss at the next meeting.

Zedaker shared that there is a family interested in improving the entrance from Poland Manor to the "Graffiti" Bridge area. It was decided that waiting until after potential replacement of the bridge and a problem waste line under it would be better timing.

Other Business Continued: Thompson spoke about the Butler Trail Culvert and requested that the Street Department come down with the backhoe and clean out the large stones that have fallen into the ditch. Bluebell Trail is getting worse as we continue to monitor and maintain.

Public Comments: A resident requested the list of chemicals and a map of where DRG will be applying herbicide.

Another resident asked for a list of invasive species that DRG will be treating.

Doggy bags and new trails were talked about by a third resident.

Comments from the Board

The Forest Board discussed new trails near the new and improved Beaver Dam Bridge. Thompson talked about water erosion around the box culvert

Adjourn: Since there was no further business to come before the Board, Graff made a motion to adjourn, Renne seconded, and all said AYE.

Next Forest Board meeting: Tuesday, Aug 24, 2021 at 7:00 pm, Village Hall.