

## **Poland Municipal Forest Board Meeting Tuesday, September 28, 2021**

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by the Chair.

### **Board Members Present:**

James Brammer

Chris Graff, *Village Council Representative*

Ian Renne

Mark Thompson

Elinor Zedaker, *Chair*

### **Board Members Excused:**

BJ Sulka

Bob Elias

**Quorum:** Yes

**Approval of August 24, 2021, Forest Board Minutes:** A motion by Brammer to defer approval of the minutes, due to email issue that secretary sent minutes per usual; however, they were not received, Graff seconded, all said AYE. Brammer said he would fix the issue and resend.

**Finance Report:** The unencumbered balance is \$25,670.86. There were no expenditures. Note: any remaining balance will carry into 2022 if not spent this year.

**Invasive Species:** Brammer spoke about the upcoming invasive species project to be completed by the Davey Resource Group. DRG will begin their work the week of October the 11<sup>th</sup> and should be done in two to three days. Renne requested a production report about chemicals used and applied. Brammer will speak to DRG. When received, they will be on file in Village office for public access.

**Yellow Creek Stabilization of Bluebell Trail:** Thompson reported that information is being collected to present. The process typically takes around two to three months before it goes to the State of Ohio Fiscal Office. It will then be sent to ODNR who will notify the Village and Forest Board.

**Other Business:** Renne was pleased with outcome of the new deer enclosure project, but suggested that we be mindful of disturbing the ground inside the enclosure when we build another one.

Thompson mentioned that we should educate the public about the deer enclosure and what its about by use of signage at the sight. Zedaker spoke about the history of Mr. Granger as the first Troop 44 Scoutmaster, and the Eagle Scout responsible for this enclosure project has referred to it as the "Granger Enclosure" in his project material. Planting some native vegetation such as hardwoods was also discussed.

Brammer asked about the possibility of putting Q Reader markers on the trail entrances and possibly on the new trail signs. A donor has provided \$500 for signage throughout the forest, and the Q Reader could be included.

Graff commented that he would like to see the forest website expanded to be more usable and visible. This could expand to include narratives and links to viable information.

The outhouse is on schedule to be pumped out.

Thompson reported that an estimated 55 tons of gravel will be delivered soon for the College Lane entrance which require bringing in volunteers with equipment needed to complete the job. Volunteers will start to build trails soon. Thompson remarked that some of the saplings that were planted in the spring did not make it. Thompson also reported that the destructive spotted lantern fly is moving close to this area, and we should put a link to ODNR on our website. Bank stabilization methods were also discussed.

Zedaker asked the Board to send website ideas to her attention. She will present them to the Webmaster for implementation.

**Public Comments:** There was none

**Adjourn:** Since there was no further business to come before the Board, Graff made a motion to adjourn, Thompson seconded, and all said AYE. 8:04 PM.

Next Forest Board meeting: Tuesday, October 26, 2021 at 7:00 pm, Village Hall.