

## **Poland Municipal Forest Board Meeting Tuesday, April 26, 2022**

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

### **Board Members Present:**

James Brammer

Bob Elias

Chris Graff, *Village Council Representative*

Ian Renne

Mark Thompson

Elinor Zedaker, *Chair*

### **Board Members Excused:**

BJ Sulka

**Quorum:** Yes

**Approval of March 22, Forest Board Minutes:** Graff made a motion to approve the minutes, Elisa seconded, all said AYE. The motion passed.

**Finance Report:** Elias did not have exact amount of the balance, around 24k, and said that we will be receiving an additional 15k in tax revenue soon. Graff made a motion to accept this report, Thompson seconded, all said AYE. The motion passed.

**ODNR:** Thompson reported that the Village has received all the proper paperwork. All projects are approved, and the money is available.

**Comfort Station:** Brammer made a motion to enter into a contract with CXT for the purchase and installation of the Gunnesson model comfort station not to exceed \$43k of which \$25k is from the Forest Improvement Projects administered by ODNR and the remainder from the Poland Municipal Forest Funds. This is contingent upon review by the Village Solicitor. Elias seconded, all said AYE. The motion passed.

**Volunteers:** Thompson reported that he and other volunteers worked on unclogging Butler culverts and Drake Run. Trail building and maintenance is soon to start.

**Forest Garlic Mustard Pull and Stream clean up:** Many people showed up to volunteer and help. It was a wet day in the forest but a successful one. Renne suggested that we do the Mustard Pull the weekend after Easter next year, and we should be careful with the foot traffic in the forest.

**Public Comments:** A resident asked about the trail infrastructure, Doggy waste stations, and also making the public aware of the tree plantings and why the blue tubes are used.

A resident stated that there will be a flower walk in the forest May 7<sup>th</sup>. He also stated his opinion on charging for educational programs.

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The Forest Board had a discussion concerning charging in the Forest for programs. All board members are in favor of educational programs taking place in the forest. The Forest Board deferred the issue to the Village Solicitor for his counsel and await the decision. Renne wants more action on a decision.

**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, May 24th, at 7:00 pm, Village Hall.