

Poland Municipal Forest Board Meeting Tuesday, June 28, 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

Elinor Zedaker, *Chair*

Board Members Excused:

BJ Sulka

Mark Thompson

Quorum: Yes

Approval of the May Forest Board Minutes: Brammer made a motion to delay the approval of the May minutes until the July meeting, due to a technical error that occurred in sending them out. Elias seconded, all said aye.

Finance Report: An unencumbered balance of \$19,057.09 was reported by Elias. There were two expenditures paid to Thompson for \$201.00 and \$240.00. Graff moved to accept the financial report, Renne seconded, all said aye.

Updates:

An extension was filed for ODNR projects in the Forest. The extension was approved.

Renne questioned removing the wood from the stream restoration project. He asked if the Board would have any voice in the decision on the matter. The Board will discuss the details of the project when all are present.

Renne stated that his intentions for the discussion are meant to be good and benefit the community.

Zedaker and Thompson met with the Poland Forest Foundation Board to update them on the Forest projects and timelines.

Brammer mentioned he planted 50 paw paw trees along the Southern end of Bluebell Trail. The trees were donated by First Energy.

Graff stated that he will try to get a doggy station in the ground this month.

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Comments from Village Residents:

A resident spoke his opinion about flooding in the forest and the negative effects of bank stabilization.

A resident spoke about the massive log jam in the creek behind her house and would like to see efforts on removing the jam. She passed around pictures of the consequential flooding in her yard.

Comment requested by non-Village resident:

The Gentleman spoke about the footpaths becoming wider due to puddling and walk arounds. The question was raised if we can put some flat stones where the puddles are to alleviate the problem?

Closing remarks by Board:

Elias stated that we may want to remove some of the wood jams.

Renne is against removing log jams.

Graff thanked all the volunteer efforts that people put into the forest.

Discussion and solutions are best talked out and resolved.

Motion to adjourn was made by Brammer, Renne seconded. All said aye.

Next Meeting: July 26, 2022, at 7:00pm