

Poland Municipal Forest Board Meeting
Tuesday, September 27, at 7:00 pm Village Hall

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 by the Chair.

Present:

James Brammer

Bob Elias

Chris Graff *Councilman*

Ian Renne

Mark Thompson

Elinor Zedaker *Chair*

Excused:

BJ Sulka

Approval of July 26th minutes: Graff made a motion to approve minutes, Elias seconded, all said Aye.

Acknowledged remarks of August 23: Graff and Zedaker concluded the notes were correct.

Financial report: Elias reported that there is \$18,424.94 in the Forest account. Graff made a motion authorizing payment of the Surety Bond for the Forest Board Treasurer in the amount of \$126.00, which is retro active to September 22, 2022. Thompson seconded and all said Aye. The motion carried.

Updates:

Bluebell Trail Bank Stabilization: Thompson reported that EnviroScience has had surveyors on the project for permits and design purposes. We will receive a report of the findings.

Comfort Station: Brammer reported that all the documents have been sent and received by the manufacturer and we are now waiting for scheduling of the build and delivery.

Trail Infrastructure: Thompson reported – College Street entrance was graded for potholes and the Street Dept. will hot patch some of the holes.

Many trails were walked and inspected. Trails that had trees down on them were cleared. Butler and Drake Run culverts need cleaned out again. Volunteers started back in September and will start rebuilding bridges and boardwalks soon.

Invasive species: Brammer reported that he spoke to a contractor about getting an estimate for spraying invasive species through the winter.

Dog Waste Stations: Graff reported that the dog waste stations are installed.

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Other Business/New:

A renewal of Forest Board .25 Milage will be on the November 8th ballot.

Elias made a motion to approve the Forest Board policy regarding use of the Poland Municipal Forest. Brammer seconded the motion.

Renne spoke out against the motion and feels that people should be able to charge for their events. He also asked why State and local parks can charge. The motion passed with four voting yes and one against.

Thomson ask the group about planting milkweed seeds in the forest. Renne mentioned that he had some and would donate some seeds.

Public Comments:

A resident passed out a paper on why removing mushrooms and other items from the forest is bad. He would like to see everything stay in the forest.

A resident thanked the Board for the hard decisions they make.

A resident thanked the Board for being polite and explaining what's going on. She asked about the sign that states enter at your own risk.

Closing Remarks:

Renne stated his opinion that removing wood from the forest is bad.

With no other items to discuss Graff made a motion to adjourn. Renne seconded and all said Aye.

Next Forest Board Meeting - Tuesday 25, 2022