

## Poland Municipal Forest Board Meeting – Poland Village Hall- October 25, 2022

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by the chair

### Board Members Present:

James Brammer

Bob Elias

Chris Graff, *Council Representative*

Dr. Ian Renne

BJ Sulka

Mark Thompson

Elinor Zedaker, *Chair*

**Quorum:** Yes

**Approval of the minutes from both May and June:** A motion to approve the September 27, 2022, was made by Graff, seconded by Elias, all said AYE.

Renne asked to make an amendment to the minutes to include his comments concerning his confusion about not being able to charge for programs in the Forest.

**Finance Report:** Elias reported that the Forest has an unencumbered balance of \$12,397.85 in the budget. Bills were paid to Altiers Garden Center \$499.00, Lowes \$260.00, and \$126.00 for the Surety Bond. Thompson made a motion to approve the report, Brammer seconded, all said AYE.

**Blue Bell Trail Bank Stabilization:** Thompson stated plans are being prepared for the stabilization project. The Board will be updated accordingly.

**Comfort Station:** Brammer mentioned that there are no current updates about the comfort station at this time.

**Trail Infrastructure:** Thompson reported that trails were cleared of trees. Many sections of boardwalks and bridges will be reconstructed and rebuilt. A staging area may be used near Blue Bell for wood and construction material. It was noted that firewood that gets moved out of the forest is primarily from trees that fall across the larger roads.

**Invasive Species:** No updates currently.

**Other/New Business:** There will be a 1/4 mill Renewal for the Forest on the November 8<sup>th</sup> Ballot.

The Board discussed thinning the deer population, and possibly fencing an area for deer enclosure.

**Other Bus continued:**

Brammer mentioned about the tree planting that First Energy helped with for Boardman Park on the property neighboring the Forest.

A log jam in the creek is getting worse and needs investigated.

**Comments from Village Residents:**

A resident mentioned that the blue tubes around the saplings need removed when they fall over. Another resident said that infrared is a possibility for doing a deer tally in forest. He also presented a list explaining his opinion on the matter of charging fees in the forest for educational programs.

**Closing remarks by Board:**

Thompson requested that two members of the Rust Belt Revival Coalition be allowed to introduce themselves. There were no objections from the Board. Joe Pacak and Eric Davidson introduced themselves and asked to be on the agenda for the November meeting to discuss some trail ideas they have.

Sulka asked what the process for renting a pavilion is.

Thompson mentioned its good to see so many people back in the forest, and the volunteers are back to start the many improvements needed.

Brammer asked about the trail signs and the Q codes for the markers.

**Next Meeting: Tuesday, November 22, 2022, at 7:00pm**