

Poland Municipal Forest Board Meeting Tuesday, March 28, 2023

Meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm by the Chair.

Board Members Present:

Bob Elias
Chris Graff, Village Council Representative
Dr. Ian Renne
B.J. Sulka
Mark Thompson
Elinor Zedaker, Chair

Board Members Excused:

James Brammer

Quorum: Yes

Approval of the February 28th minutes: Sulka made a motion to approve the minutes, Sulka seconded, all said AYE.

Finance Report: Elias reported there were no expenditures, and no new income since the previous meeting. The unencumbered balance is \$77,934.56. Graff made a motion to accept the report, Sulka seconded, all said AYE.

Comfort Station: CXT advised the station will be delivered soon. FB will have to arrange for trimming of some trees for clearance. Thompson remarked that 15 tons of gravel will be ordered, and Youngstown Steel will be doing the crane work.

Invasive Species: Mayor Sicafuse has signed the contract with Grand River Forestry Group to spray herbicide on approximately 10 acres. Renne said that he would like to eventually see a deer enclosure constructed within that treated area.

Bluebell Trail Bank Stabilization: Thompson reported there is no update on activity. EnviroScience is updating a modeling plan. Thompson is drafting a letter to ODNR to request a time extension on the funding. Renne stressed the public interest in another meeting with EnviroScience, and the public has the right to hear of any updates.

Volunteer Crews: According to Thompson, no new work has been done the last 4 weekends due to weather and availability of the volunteers. Work is expected to begin soon to address the amount of storm damage.

Other/New Business:

First Energy filled Brammer's order for 400 saplings for Poland, and a Tree Planting Day will be scheduled by First Energy to plant most of the saplings. The remainder will be planted by Scouts and other volunteers.

Garlic Mustard Pull/Stream Clean Up discussed for 4/29 or 5/6 whichever date is weather friendly said Renne.

Public Comments by Poland Village Residents:

1. Village resident and Forest webmaster the invoice for the Forest website is auto generated to Fiscal Officer Canter but it remains an open invoice. Forest Treasurer will follow through and check with Canter. The webmaster remarked that he would help us further utilize the website. He will establish better protocol for email messages and responses.
2. Village resident remarked that the Garlic Mustard Pull dates are at peak Bluebell blossom time. He stated opposition to the bank stabilization project, and that a meeting focused strictly on the stabilization is a necessity.

Adjourn: Graff made a motion to adjourn, Thompson seconded. All said AYE.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, April 25, 2023, at 7:00 Village Hall