

Poland Municipal Forest Board Meeting Tuesday, June 27, 2023

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

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Board Members Present:

James Brammer

Robert Elias

Christopher Graff, *Village Council Representative*

BJ Sulka

Mark Thompson

Elinor Zedaker, *Chair*

Excused: Dr. Ian Renne

Quorum: Yes

Approval of the May 23rd minutes: Graff made a motion to approve the minutes, Elias seconded, all said AYE.

Finance Report: Elias gave the financial report. There is \$20,335.10 in the account, \$4200.00 was paid to Grand River Forestry for invasive species control. Thompson made a motion to accept the report, Sulka seconded, all said AYE.

Poland Municipal Forest Foundation – Dave Watts, President: Zedaker introduced Mr. Watts, President of the Forest Foundation. Mr. Watts spoke about the Q reader and website design for the Foundation. The Q reader is now operational and will act as a way to donate directly to the Foundation and directs people to the website. Mr. Watts explained the mission and goals of the group and explained they would like to focus more attention on trails and bridges. There will be a dinner to support the Forest October 21, 2023, at Another Round Bar&Grille, located in the Reserve Run Golf Course. Tickets are available to purchase for \$40 per person.

Restriction of e-Powered Recreational Vehicles: The Board discussed posting signs at three entrances into the Forest regarding powered vehicles. Thompson stated that we can make this issue a policy and post signs as we see fit.

Graff made a motion to restrict motor vehicles and use of all e-powered recreational vehicles within the Poland Municipal Forest, Brammer seconded the motion, all said AYE. Elias will contact the sign company. Signs will be posted at the entrances at College Street, Indian Trail and Poland Manor entrances.

Bluebell Trail Bank Stabilization: Thompson reported that River Reach Construction began the work in the forest on Monday. They are working on stabilizing the banks using large rocks and logs to help with water flow. The work should take around two weeks to complete. Caution tape and barrels are being used to block trails for safety. Information will be posted to the websites.

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Comfort Station: Thompson commented that forest visitors are going through a lot of toilet paper indicating that many forest visitors have used the new facility. The Board discussed many options about maintaining the comfort station. Demolition of the old out house is being discussed.

Invasive Species: Brammer reported that Grand River is awaiting their check for the stage one that has been completed. Stage two will be scheduled asap.

Thatcher Trail: Nothing to report on this. Thompson updated the group that volunteer efforts are running a little behind due to the amount of work and general busy schedule of everyone in summer.

Further Business: Thompson was contacted by a father and a Boy Scout who wants to do his Eagle project in the Forest, more information to come. This has been referred to Elias as coordinator of these projects.

Public Comments: There were no public comments.

Adjourn: Brammer made a motion to adjourn, Sulka seconded, all AYE 8:10pm.