

Poland Municipal Forest Board Meeting Tuesday, September 26, 2023

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

Board Members Present:

James Brammer

Robert Elias

Christopher Graff, *Village Council Representative*

Dr. Ian Renne

Mark Thompson

Elinor Zedaker, *Chair*

Excused: BJ Sulka

Quorum: Yes

Approval of the August 22, 2023 minutes: Graff made a motion to approve the minutes, Elias seconded, all said AYE.

Finance Report: Elias, FB treasurer, gave the financial report. There is \$22,076.90 in the budget. \$2,200.00 was paid to Grand River Forestry and \$128.00 was spent on a required Surety Bond for the treasurer as required by the state of Ohio. Graff motioned to approve the report, Brammer seconded, all said AYE.

Updates:

College Lane Parking Lot: Thompson stated that the parking lot needs to be graded and potholes to be filled. The Street Department could possibly fill the holes with asphalt. Thompson suggested we purchase \$500 worth of limestone for the lot and some holes leading back to the Zedaker pavilion. Note: this amount will not be enough to finish only to start the project. More will be done at a later date. Renne made a motion to purchase \$500 of limestone #57 for repairs to parking lot and drive. Graff seconded the motion, all said AYE. The motion passed unanimously.

Old Comfort Station: Mark Thompson will contact volunteers to help demo the old comfort station. The plan is to crush it into the pit then cover it up with rock and dirt. Renne made a motion to purchase rock/stone in the amount of \$500 to fill in the void. Graff seconded the motion, and all said AYE. The motion passed unanimously. Thompson changed the timer on the new comfort station to 6am until 8pm

3 New Signs at Entrances – Recreational Vehicles: Thompson, Graff, and Elias will coordinate a time to meet for sign placement in the forest.

Manor (Graffiti) Bridge & Sewer Line: The money has been commissioned and the project is moving forward. MS Consulting has been hired to design the bridge. Graff will ask the Mayor about the timeline of the project.

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Trails and Trees: Multiple trees have been reported in the forest that need to be looked at for evaluation of risk. Brammer agreed to look at the trees before the next Board meeting. Volunteers opened up Gutknecht, Butler, Big Pine, and Beaver Dam Trails. The Grand River invasive species spray project has had good results. There was a report of residential debris being dumped into the forest. Thompson will talk to the homeowner(s) about this.

Other Business: Poland Forest Foundation- 1st annual "Support the Forest" dinner on Saturday, October 21st at 5:00 at the Reserve Run Golf Course Clubhouse. Reservations are \$40. Contact Dave Watts, Foundation President, for further information.

Thompson stated that Eagle Scout candidate, Claven is waiting for approval from his BSA advisors before he can start his project.

Public Comments: A resident gave an update on the log jam in the creek behind Poland Manor.

Adjourn: Renne made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Graff seconded, all said AYE

Next Meeting: Tuesday, October 24, 2023, at 7:00pm