

Poland Municipal Forest Board Meeting Tuesday, February 27, 2024

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

Board Members Present:

James Brammer
Robert Elias
Christopher Graff, *Village Council Representative*
Mark Thompson
Dr. Ian Renne
BJ Sulka
Elinor Zedaker, *Chair*

Quorum: Yes

Approval of the January 23, 2024, minutes:

Thompson made a motion to approve the minutes, Sulka seconded, all said AYE.

Financial Report:

Elias reported that there is an unencumbered of \$36,993.55. East Fairfield was paid \$462.26, a credit card was paid \$119.99 for dog waste bags.

Motion to approve the report was made by made by Graff, Thompson seconded, all said AYE.

Thompson reported that we have an outstanding balance with EnviroScience of \$88,000. We need to pay for the project first and then we will be reimbursed from ODNR. It was suggested that we pay \$25,000 out of Forest funds to achieve this goal.

Thompson made a motion that Poland Municipal Forest Board request Poland Village Council to advance \$25,000 from the Forest levy fund #2906 to fund #4910 to then pay EnviroScience. Graff seconded the motion, and all said AYE.

Updates from the Board:

Garlic Mustard Pull and Stream Clean-up 2024:

Renne suggested April 20th for the date with a rain date of April 27th. Graff has offered to provide water for the volunteers. Zedaker will contact the Mahoning County Green Team

Invasive Species Control:

Brammer will contact Grand River Forestry and set up a time to evaluate the project. There was a group discussion about where to focus on the control.

First Energy Tree Planting- Green Team:

A group discussion was had about planting saplings in the forest this spring.

Brammer made a motion to plant up to 400 trees donated by First Energy Green Team with help from volunteers.

Renne seconded the motion, and all said AYE.

Other Business:

Graff motioned to retain officers of the Poland Forest Municipal Board for the next two years. Brammer seconded the motion, all said AYE.

Graff stated that there is still graffiti that needs to be cleaned off around the Zedaker Pavilion.

Public Comments:

There were no public comments.

Adjourn: 7:51

A motion to adjourn was motioned by Graff, Thompson seconded, all said AYE.

Next meeting Tuesday, March 26, 2024 at 7:00pm