

Poland Municipal Forest Board Meeting Tuesday, March 26, 2024

Meeting was called to order by the Chair at 7:08

Board Members Present:

James Brammer

Robert Elias

Mark Thompson

Dr. Ian Renne

BJ Sulka

Elinor Zedaker, *Chair*

Excused: Christopher Graff, *Village Council Representative*

Quorum: Yes

Approval of the February 27th, 2024, minutes:

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

Financial Report:

Elias presented the 2024 budget. The board discussed the itemized list of the budget. Educational Outreach was discussed and possibilities about paying for programming. The Forest web site was discussed and determined we should be utilizing it more.

Garlic Mustard Pull and Stream Clean-up 2024:

Renne suggested April 13th for the date with a rain date of April 20th. Graff has offered to provide water for the volunteers. Zedaker will contact the Mahoning County Green Team.

Invasive Species Control:

Brammer reported that he walked through the forest with Grand River Forestry to create a plan for this year's invasive species treatment. Along Thatcher trail was suggested and continuing with the area from 2023. More to come on this.

First Energy Tree Planting- Green Team:

Brammer reported that the trees were ordered, and the planting will take place on May 3rd. First Energy employees will be planting with anyone from the community welcome.

The group discussed the idea of making natural fences or using store bought fencing to protect some of the new saplings.

Other Business:

EnviroScience received their initial payment; Thompson is working on getting the rest of the bill paid.

Thompson reported that the volunteers have been working on Bog Bridge, and Log Cabin trail. Big Willow and more on Bog Bridge to come.

Renne proposed that we consider making an ordinance to ban residents from feeding deer. The Board discussed this possibility, but it may be too hard to enforce.

The State Forester, Ryan Cluster, is needed to evaluate the forest. Brammer said he will call and set up an appointment with him.

Thompson stated that a resident reported that there is a broken pipe in the water way. Thompson will be in contact with her.

The hemlock trees are being threatened by the hemlock Woolly Adelgid and will need to be treated. Brammer will call and talk to Adams Tree Preservation about treatment and pricing.

Public Comments:

There were no public comments.

Adjourn:

A motion to adjourn was motioned by Renne, Brammer seconded, all said AYE.

Next meeting Tuesday, April 23, 2024 at 7:00pm