

## Poland Municipal Forest Board Meeting Tuesday, April 23, 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 March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024, minutes:

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

### Financial Report:

**Elias** reported that there is \$17,908.95 immediately available in the Forest balance. We will receive reimbursement from ODNR for EnviroScience work in the bank restoration and \$7k from the quarter percent Mahoning County tax levy. *Graff made a motion to approve the financial report, Sulka seconded, all said AYE.* It was stated that Rob Dunham, Tailored IT Solutions' invoice, will be paid. Elias will speak to Canter to get a copy of the invoice. For some reason they have not been sent directly to the FB. *Elias made a motion to approve payment to Tailored IT in the amount of \$3,745.54 for web-site maintenance, Graff seconded, all AYE.* Thompson commented that we should have a meeting with Dunham to discuss the yearly bill and what is covered for the cost. A bill was submitted from Thompson to Elias to cover building materials for forest projects and a lock for the comfort station.

### Garlic Mustard Pull and Stream Clean-up 2024:

The Garlic Mustard Pull event was a successful one, many volunteers arrived to help. Thanks to Graff for the water, and to Renne for providing an overview regarding the invasive species. Volunteers represented YSU, the Scout Troop 44, Poland High School AP Biology, Forest Board and the community.

### Invasive Species Control:

Brammer discussed the invasive species spray plan for 2024. The plan is similar to 2023 with a continuation of the area that is to be treated. In addition to more acres being treated, it was suggested that the contractor revisit last year's area to respray anything that sprouted back up. *Brammer made a motion to hire Grand River Forestry to treat invasive species in the 2024 proposed areas and to retreat 10 acres from 2023. Graff seconded, all AYE,*

### First Energy Tree Planting - Green Team:

Brammer discussed the trees that were placed on the order and possible planting sites. It was suggested that some trees should be planted in the enclosure and replanted when they become larger and more established.

### Other Business/Board Updates:

Thompson- Butler culvert is plugged up and will need equipment to dig it out. Bluebell trail is becoming more washed out. Volunteers finished a bog bridge on Log Cabin trail.

BSA would like to rework bog bridge on Big Willow trail. It is in the planning stage and will hopefully be started this summer. Elias will be informed of any updates to share.

### Other Business/Board Continued:

Graff apologized for needing to miss the last meeting.

Sulka reported two large trees down by the Manor entrance.

Elias stated that there is a notable increase in the number of visitors to Forest.

Zedaker commented there is a slight increase in permits for use of the pavilion.

### Public Comments:

There were no public comments.

### Adjourn:

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

Next meeting Tuesday, May 28th, 2024 at 7:00pm