

Poland Municipal Forest Board Meeting Tuesday, May 28th, 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

Elinor Zedaker, *Chair*

Excused: BJ Sulka

Quorum: Yes

Approval of the April 23rd, 2024, minutes:

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

Financial Report:

There is \$21,267.78 unencumbered funds in the Forest balance. There were no expenditures. Graff made a motion to approve the report, Thompson seconded, all said AYE.

Request by Poland Township Resident to address the Forest Board:

Mary Jan Perdulla, owner of Pioneer Tree Farm, spoke to Forest Board. Perdulla proposed trimming the tops of the evergreen trees near the entrances to the Forest at College St. and Indian Trail Head. The idea would be to trim the tops so the sides will fill out more. This services would be volunteered. A handout was provided. The Board discussed the possibility of trimming the trees but would like to look into the practice before making a decision.

Updates from the Board:

Graff – noted that people are being respectful of the comfort station.

Thompson - reported on the volunteer activity. The bog bridge has been completed through the wetlands and on Big Willow Trail. Many other trails and bridges are being worked on, with another 80' of trail and man bridge going in soon. The Eagle Scout project for reconstructing a bog bridge is in the planning stage.

Machines are needed to spread the gravel in the parking lot and along Blue Bell Trail.

Renne - spoke about the garlic mustard pull. The event was a success, pulling many invasive shrubs and plants.

Renne commented about the wood dams in the creek, he would like to see them undisturbed.

Someone mentioned that the flooding is taking out some of the wood dams.

Elias – mentioned that attendance has been slowing down in the Forest.

Public Comments:

No public comment

Adjourn:

Brammer made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Renne seconded, all said aye.

Next meeting June 25th, 2024, at 7:00pm