

MEETING OF THE POLAND FOREST BOARD
Tuesday, July 25, 2017
Poland Village Hall

PRESENT: Bob Elias, Frank Krygowski, Joe Mazur, Beth Queen, Mark Thompson, Elinor Zedaker

GUESTS: Gordon Longmuir, Randy Jones, Rob and Allison Dunham

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 P.M.

MINUTES: The minutes of the June 27, 2017 meeting were approved as submitted.

UPDATE ON CURRENT FUNDED PROJECTS: Mark reported that the Zedaker pavilion chimney was easily knocked down, and foundations were prepared for two new entrance signs and the replacement chimney. Parking lot fencing will be delayed until the lots' surfaces are improved. Below the Zedaker pavilion, some of the barrier stones pushed off the Drake Run box culvert have been pulled out of the creek but many others remain in the creek.

Mark was reminded that the eave log behind the chimney of the Zedaker pavilion is badly rotted and needs replaced or augmented. Previously, Joe Mazur proposed adding a parallel log with suitable connections. Repair would be easier while the chimney was down. Mark will look for a person to do the log replacement. There was discussion about using a telephone pole, but concern about possible odors from its preservative creosote. Mark is also concerned that the tables and floor of the pavilion look shabby.

OTHER BUSINESS: There are still many trees down on both major and minor trails, and boardwalks shifted out of place on minor trails. (A list was provided with last month's minutes, and more damage has since occurred.) A volunteer day is needed, but according to recent policy, chainsaw volunteers would need to be certified. Beth suggested talking to football coaches for manual labor volunteers. Elinor noted that this work should be done soon.

Mark reported that we have a new logo for the Forest, a graphic showing one sycamore tree trunk and some bluebells. Feedback indicated that the proposed logo would not reduce well for use on the proposed Forest website being developed by Rob Dunham.

Mark mentioned some redesign ideas for the Forest maps. Frank said that since the Friends of Poland Municipal Forest have always funded the maps, they should be included in discussions of any revisions. Mark said an outside organization should not do the maps. Elinor wondered what objections the Friends might have, and Gordon (president of the Friends) said he couldn't tell without seeing the proposed changes. Joe said the Friends organization needs to be promoted, and Frank noted the maps have served to promote the Friends. Mark wants to proceed with the redesign of the maps and let the Friends participate if they choose. Elinor mentioned that instead of funding 100% of map costs as in the past, the Friends might contribute only part of the cost.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30.

Respectfully submitted, Frank Krygowski, secretary pro tem.

NEXT MEETING: TUESDAY AUGUST 22, 2017 at 7:30 P.M