

Poland Municipal Forest Board Minutes

Board Meeting – Poland Village Hall – August 28, 2018

Meeting called to order at 7:30 pm by the chair

Attendees Present:

James Brammer

Bob Elias

Sam Moffie, Council Representative

Mark Thompson

Elinor Zedaker, Chair

Excused: Chris Graff

Quorum present - yes

Approval of July 24th Forest Board Minutes:

A motion was made by Sam Moffie to approve minutes, seconded by Bob Elias, all approved.

Business:

- Sam Moffie offered the remaining copies of MS Consultants Inc's report of the Mauthe Bridge to those in attendance.
- Village officials closed the Mauthe Bridge at the recommendations of MS Consultants in July.
- It has been reported that the signs posted to keep foot traffic off the Mauthe Bridge have been removed by vandals.
- Mark Thompson talked about MS Consultants, village engineers of records, findings and what the next steps could be for restoring the Mauthe Bridge. One idea is to figure out what parts of the Bridge can be repurposed into the new bridge design.
- Mark Thompson commented on the EviroScience contract. The contract has been signed and the research will begin soon. The funding for the research project has been provided by the Forest Foundation.
- No contractor has been found for the Butler Trail Culvert project yet, but we are still looking.
- The website is almost ready to be launched to the public.

Public Comment:

- Many residents in attendance spoke their opinions about the Mauthe Bridge and other business that was discussed at the Forest Board meeting. A limit to three minutes per speaker was implemented to allow a chance for everyone wanting to speak to air their grievances or offer their support. Board members responded to comments when was pertinent.
- Many comments from the residents reflected their desire to keep the historical appearance of this iconic Bridge.

Other Business:

- Bob Elias will be talking to a landscape company about the tree selection for the Gutknecht trail entrance, and the Indian Trail entrance.

Adjourn:

- James Brammer made a motion to adjourn at 9:15pm, Sam Moffie seconded the motion, and all said aye.

Next Board Meeting: Tuesday, September 25, 2018