

DEER MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

AGENDA

Thursday, January 23, 2014 - 2:30 P. M.

City Conference Room

1515 Strongs Ave

Stevens Point

(A quorum of the City Council may attend this meeting.)

1. Members.

Voting Members

Chair Elbert J. Rackow, 1824 Gilkay Street, Stevens Point, WI 54481, 715-341-1393

Alderman Roger G. Trzebiatowski, 3309 McCulloch Street, Stevens Point, WI 54481, 715-344-2322

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John Okonek, 2916 Dixon St., Stevens Point, WI 54481, 715-630-0230, E-Mail: johnno64@att.net

Advisory Members

DNR Rep. Lesa H. Kardash, 473 Griffith Ave., Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54494, 715-421-7813,

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Police Chief Kevin Ruder, 1515 Strongs Ave., Stevens Point, WI 54481, 715-346-1500

Aaron Geistfeld, Absolute Wildlife Control, 3711 Haga Dr., Plover, WI 54467, 715-252-1714,

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Mel Dow, Interfaith Food Pantry of Portage County, 821 Sixth St., Plover, WI 54467,

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Barry Meister, barry.meister@wisconsin.gov, 715-344-3694.

Jon Scharbarth, jon.scharbarth@wisconsin.gov. 715-344-3694.

2. Deer Management Committee minutes of December 18, 2013.

3. Planning for the 2013-14 culling project and possible action.

A. Review of the antlerless deer culled and funds available for deer culling and possible approval of increasing the number of deer the culler may cull. The culler was authorized to cull up to 28 antlerless deer in 2013. We have requested 30 Damage Control tags from the DNR for 2014.

Upon receipt of the tags, the culler has been authorized to cull 21 antlerless deer, as shown in the attached letter dated December 19, 2013.

B. Progress in approaching the College of Natural Resources at UW-SP about getting students to cull antlerless deer.

4. Possible methods of funding deer culling in the future and possible action.

5. Progress report on applying for a grant under the DNR's Urban Wildlife Damage Abatement and Control Grant Program.

6. Review of revised rules for allowing hunters to use archery tackle in urban areas during regular archery deer seasons and possible action.

7. Date, time, and location of next meeting.

8. Adjournment.

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DEER MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
Wednesday, December 18, 2013 - 2:30 PM
City Conference Room

MINUTES

Present: Chair Rackow, Ald. Trzebiatowski, Member Okonek
Also Present: Mel Dow, Interfaith Food Pantry of Portage County
Absent: Member Jacob, DNR Rep. Lesa H. Kardash, Police Chief Kevin Ruder, Aaron Geistfeld,
Absolute Wildlife Control

1. **Deer Management Committee minutes of November 14, 2013.**
Ald. Trzebiatowski, moved to approve the minutes, Chair Rackow seconded. Ayes, all; nays; none; motion passed.

2. **Planning for the 2013-2014 culling project and possible action.**
 - A. Review of the antlerless deer culled and funds available for deer culling and possible approval of increasing the number of deer the culler may cull. We have funds for the culler to cull 28 deer in 2013. The culler has culled 24 antlerless deer. The number that went to the food pantry is 22. Culled deer unfit for consumption were 2. The culler was given 28 tags, so the 4 remaining tags, which expired December 31, 2013, need to be returned. If we do not settle up promptly for 2013, the DNR may be hesitant to issue tags for 2014.
 - B. Progress in approaching the College of Natural Resources at UW-SP about getting students to cull antlerless deer. The College of Natural Resources expects to hire a specialist in deer management in the near future. When that person is hired he or she may consider our request.
 - C. Update on contacting car insurance companies and auto repair shops for donations to the Deer Management Fund. All contacts have been made.

3. **Possible methods of funding deer culling in the future and possible action.** This topic will be explored further.

4. **Progress report on applying for a grant under the DNR's Urban Wildlife Damage Abatement and Control Grant Program and possible action.** There has not yet been a response our request.

5. **Date, time and location of next meeting.** The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 23, 2014, at 2:30 PM, in the City Conference Room.

6. **Adjournment.** The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 PM.

December 19, 2013

Mr. Aaron Geistfeld
Absolute Wildlife Control
3711 Haga Drive
Plover, WI 54467

Dear Mr. Geistfeld:

This letter is an update on deer culling for 2013-14. You have been issued 28 damage control tags and cards. Mel Dow reported that 22 antlerless deer have been taken to People's Meat Market for processing under our agreement. We understand that 2 tags were used for culled deer that were considered unsuitable for processing. That means you have 4 tags remaining. Please ask your cullers to make an effort to cull 4 more antlerless deer before the tags expire on December 31, 2013.

Promptly after December 31, 2013, use the spreadsheet Ald. Trzebiatowski supplied you to account for all the 28 tags we gave you and give the accounting to Ald. Trzebiatowski. At this time several of the DNR Forms 2300-200 have not been turned in. Please locate and submit them. If we do not settle up promptly for 2013, the DNR will be hesitant to issue us tags for 2014.

After you have accounted for the 2013 tags please submit a bill for the remaining deer you culled in 2013 so that amount may be paid from 2013 funds.

We intend to request the DNR to issue us tags for 2014. If and when we get them, those tags will be in the hands of the City Clerk until Ald. Trzebiatowski returns to town about January 2, 2014.

Beginning January 1, 2014, under your quote of \$70.00 per deer culled you may cull additional antlerless deer as shown below:

$$21 \text{ deer culled} \times \$70.00 \text{ per deer} = \$1,470.00.$$

To simplify our handling of the required paperwork, Mel Dow of the Interfaith Food Pantry of Portage County has agreed to collect the DNR Forms 2300-200 from the culler when the culler brings the culled deer to Mel Dow.

This agreement may be terminated upon 24 hours' notice by the City for reasons deemed sufficient by the City.

We wish you success in your culling venture.

Sincerely,

Elbert J. Rackow
Chair, Deer Management Committee
715-341-1393

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