

DEER MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

AGENDA

Thursday, March 8, 2012 - 9:00 A. M.

City Conference Room

(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

Member James Siebers, 1515 Strongs Avenue, Stevens Point, WI 54481, 715-346-1553

Advisory Members

Brandon Stefanski, 473 Griffith Ave., Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54494, Office: 715-421-7831, Cell: 715-213-2084, E-Mail: Brandon.Stefanski@wi.gov

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

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

Mel Dow, Interfaith Food Pantry of Portage County, 821 Sixth St., Plover, WI 54467, 715-341-5379, mpdow@charter.net

2. Deer Management Committee minutes of February 2, 2012.

3. Planning for the 2012-13 Culling Project.

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

5. Review of the policy regarding donating culled deer to willing food pantries in the Stevens Point area.

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

6. Adjournment.

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Thursday, February 2, 2012 - 9:00 AM

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MINUTES

Present: Chair Rackow, Ald. Trzebiatowski, Member Siebers, Aaron Geistfeld, Absolute Wildlife Control, Police Lt. Kudronowicz

Also Present: Brian Kowalski, Stevens Point Journal, Reid Rocheleau

Absent: Police Chief Kevin Ruder, DNR Rep. Kristin Belling, Mel Dow, Interfaith Food Pantry of Portage County

1. Deer Management Committee minutes of December 16, 2012.

Ald. Trzebiatowski moved to approve the minutes, Chair Rackow seconded. Ayes all; nays; none; motion passed.

2. The 2011-2012 Culling Project.

Progress report on deer culling. Ten antlerless deer were culled.

Car-deer crashes as reported by the Police Department in recent years are:

21 1999	34 2003	18 2007
31 2000	17 2004	9 2008
15 2001	20 2005	4 2009
22 2002	21 2006	9 2010
		8 2011

Antlerless deer culled in recent years are:

80 2003-2004	12 2007-2008
45 2004-2005	30 2008-2009
32 2005-2006	26 2009-2010
0 2006-2007	18 2010-2011
	10 2011-2012

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

The Committee will prepare an appeal to insurance companies that insure automobiles in Stevens Point for donations to a segregated Deer Management Fund that would be kept by the City Treasurer.

4. Date, time, and location of next meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 8, 2012, at 9:00 AM, in the City Conference Room.

5. Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 AM.

EXCERPT OF PUBLIC PROTECTION COMMITTEE MINUTES, April 11, 2011

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3. Discussion and Possible Action on Request from the Deer Management Committee - Request to have culled field dressed deer donated to any willing food pantry in the Stevens Point area.

Elbert Rackow, Chairperson of the Deer Management Committee, said they would like the field dressed deer to be donated to a food pantry as the person who ensured that the deer went to the recipient on the sign up list has left. If the deer are given to a pantry we will know for sure that the people receiving the meat are truly in need as the pantry has rules to ensure that those receiving assistance are needy.

Ald. Slowinski asked if the pantries will be able to handle the capacity of deer the City culls.

Mr. Rackow replied yes.

Ald. Wiza asked if they intended to have the deer processed and then given to the pantries or donate it directly to the pantries.

Mr. Rackow said it would go directly to the pantries.

Ald. Wiza asked if the area food pantries are willing to pay the processing cost.

Mr. Rackow replied yes.

Ald. Trzebiatowski noted the City has had problems in the past getting in contact with people on the signup list. As time goes by there is the concern about getting the meat to someone before it spoils.

Ald. Slowinski asked if the pantries can't take deer would the City then go back to the list of people who signed up.

Ald. R. Stroik noted the City does not have anyone willing to monitor the list and make the necessary arrangements.

Ald. R. Stroik moved, Ald. Trzebiatowski seconded, to approve the request and have it reviewed again in April 2012.

Ayes, all; nays, none; motion carried.

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On April 18, 2011, the Council approved the minutes and the action taken by the Public Protection Committee on April 11, 2011.