

CITY OF STEVENS POINT
DEER MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

AGENDA

JANUARY 10, 2018

3:00 pm

**CITY HALL
1515 STRONGS AVE.
CITY CONFERENCE ROOM**

PLEASE NOTE:

**(THIS WILL BE A JOINT MEETING BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF WHITING AND THE
VILLAGE OF PLOVER DEER COMMITTEES)**

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

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON:

1. Approval of the Deer Management Committee minutes of the November 15, 2017 meeting.
2. Deer numbers in Joint urban wildlife damage abatement control plan.
3. Locations for culling
4. The 2017-2018 Culling Project.
 - A. Update on Culling Project.
 - B. Number of deer culled.
 - C. Any issues pertaining to deer culling with in the city
5. Update on Wildlife Nuisance Abatement Grant.
6. Date, time and location of next meeting.
7. Adjournment.

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**CITY OF STEVENS POINT
DEER MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES
NOVEMBER 15, 2017. 3:00PM
CITY HALL, 1515 STRONGS AVE., CITY CONFERENCE ROOM**

Voting Members Present

Chair John Okonek, 2916 Dixon St., Stevens Point, WI 54481 715-630-0230, Email: johno64@att.net .

Member Dr. Scott Hygnstrom, Email: scott.hygnstrom@uwsp.edu.

Member Kevin Leahy, Email: kevinleahy@att.net.

Member Mike Bialas, 1825 Gilkay St., Stevens Point, WI 54481, 715-340-8054, wbialas@hotmail.com.

Member Alder Mary McComb, 2100 Elk Street, Stevens Point, WI 54481, 715-570-8836, Email: marymccombalder@gmail.com

Voting Members Excused

Member Barb Jacob, 1616 Depot St., Apt. A, Stevens Point, WI 54481, H: 715-342-1390, B: 715-343-1730, Email: barbjacob22@gmail.com (extended leave of absence).

Advisory Members Present

Operations Chief Tom Zenner, 1515 Strongs Ave., Stevens Point, WI 54481, 715-346-1500, tzenner@sevenspoint.com

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

William J. Horvath, 350 McDill Ave., Stevens Point, WI 54481, 715-341-4021, billjhorvath@gmail.com .

Advisory Members Absent

DNR Rep. Lesa H. Kardash, 473 Griffith Ave., Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54494. 715-421-7813, lesa.kardash@wisconsin.gov

Bryan Lockman, bryan.lockman@wisconsin.gov 715-344-3694.

Jon Scharbarth, jonscharbarth@wisconsin.gov . 715-344-3694

Others present

Greg Klug (Deer Culler), Alex Danczyk, Joe Danczyk, Emily Nehmer, Ald. Mike Phillips (Dist. 10)

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 pm by Chairperson Okonek. The Chair indicated a quorum was present.

Discussion and Possible Action

1. Approval of the Deer Management Committee minutes of September 20, 2017.

McComb moved and Leahy seconded to approve the September 10, 2017 minutes. Passed unanimously.

2. The 2017-2018 Culling Project

- a. Update on culling project

Chair Okonek reported we have received and will process Greg Klug's billing statement and that after the meat receives approval Mel Dow can pick up for the food pantry.

- b. Number of deer culled

42 deer have been culled to date out of the 45 tags available. Whether to go up to 50 tags, the budget limit, was discussed. Leahy moved and Hygnstrom seconded to go up to 50. Motion passed unanimously.

- c. Any issues pertaining to deer culling within the city

Alex and Joe Danczyk questioned the necessity of deer culling on the West Side, specifically near their property near the Parkway Bar. They are doing habitat protection on their property and observed a drop in the deer population. Alder Phillips showed a map, which he said dated from 2012's Deer Management Committee, of the areas the committee decided should be culled. The east

side of Hwy. 51 and the West Side were not on the map. Chair Okonek said that the current committee had not seen the map and that former members Rackow and Trezbiatowki had told him the map was outdated due to population changes, and thus never followed.

Chair Okonek explained that deer are culled in problem areas where there were complaints or car-deer accidents. The area near the Danczyks is the closest safe culling spot to where car-deer accidents occur near the Parkway Bar. Chair Okonek reviewed culling practices. Deer are culled only in areas where it is safe to cull. They are culled on city-owned land and only on private property if the owner permits. For example, Sentry doesn't let the city cull on its property.

The committee will research the map issue as well as take the Danczyk's concerns under advisement.

3. Update on wildlife nuisance abatement grant

*Hygnstrom offered to prepare the application and have a draft ready by Wednesday, November 22, 2017. The city attorney will be consulted as to who signs as authorized representative. For the new wildlife plan worksheet geese and deer complaint numbers are needed. **What did we decide about how to get these? And who will consult city attorney?***

Horvath said that the proposed joint plan with Plover and Whiting will not take place this year. The draft plan is in the hands of the city attorney. McComb will follow up with him and get the joint plan on the Council agenda for approval in Spring, 2018. Horvath reminded the committee to get city costs involved so city can be reimbursed.

The committee discussed plans for alleviating goose problems in Pfiffner Park based on research from Hygnstrom's students. If geese can be harassed by pyrotechnics and people for about four straight days at the same time of day in May, it is enough to deter them from assembling at that place. It was decided to seek volunteers (environmental students, Ducks Unlimited) plus city staff to do this. Leahy moved and McComb seconded the purchase of \$500 in pyrotechnic equipment (pistol launchers, etc.) for this purpose. The committee discussed the need to warn neighbors and get city approval for this venture.

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

January 10, 2018 3pm in City Hall Conference Room.

5. Adjournment

McComb moved to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 3:55.

Final, MEM 11/17/17

**CITY OF STEVENS POINT
DEER MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 20, 2017
3:00PM
CITY HALL
1516 CHURCH STREET
CONFERENCE ROOM D**

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Present: Okonek, Boggs, Leahy, Bialas, Zenner, Dow, Klug.
Absent excused McComb, Hygnstrom, Jacob.

The meeting was called to order at 3:01 pm by Chairperson Okonek. The Chair indicated a quorum was present.

Discussion and Possible Action

1. Approval of the Deer Management Committee minutes of July 5 2017.
Bialas moved and Leahy seconded to approve the July 5,, 2017 minutes. Passed unanimously.

Chair Okonek discussed the 2017 and 2018 culling season with possible number of deer the culler would be able to get, how the program would work with the need to remove the glands for CWD testing and how it would be done. Price agreed for the season was \$55.00 per deer culled and processing \$55.00 per deer to Peoples Meat Market

Asst Chief Zenner was asked if the culler would be able to get keys for some city property it make removing deer easier, Zenner and Okonek would follow up.