



**CITY OF DELAFIELD
MEETING MINUTES
DEER MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

*Chair: Jacob Berg
Members: Larry Fehrm, Danielle Henry, Jim Renn, Jim Marsh, Tim Turnock, Gene Olson*

April 28, 2022

6:30 PM

City Hall, Council Chambers
500 Genesee St.

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1. Call to Order

Chairperson Berg called the Deer Management Committee meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

1. Pledge of Allegiance

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

2. Roll Call

Present

Jacob Berg, PWC Rep. (Chairperson)
Larry Fehrm, Promo & Tour Rep.
Jim Renn
Jim Marsh
Danielle Henry
Tim Turnock, Park & Rec. Rep

Absent

Gene Olson

2. Approve Minutes of March 15, 2022

Motion by Berg, seconded by Renn, to approve the March 15, 2022 Deer Management Committee meeting minutes. All in favor. Motion carried.

3. Citizen's Comments

None.

4. Unfinished Business

Discussion and possible action on the following items:

A. Current City Stand Locations and Maintenance Timeline. Reference 2021-2022 Map

Berg reported that the DNR has clarified that the 1,700 feet from a school rule only applies if there is a sign posted. An email from Jason Roberts with the DNR that states this is included in the epacket. We do not need permission from the schools but we will locate the stands as far away from the schools as possible. Henry will contact Lake Country school and Fehrm will contact Cushing school to communicate this with them.

Berg proposed the brush pile stand be moved to where the solar panel stand is because it is a two person stand and move the single stand to the west and north. Berg also proposed removing the Oakwood Park stand. There is a property owner in the northwest quadrant of the city that may be willing to allow a city stand. They could also consider Brian Dorrow's offer if they get the 100-yard rule cleared up.

Turnock suggested talking to property owners in adjacent municipalities. Fehrm explained that we have to stay within our city limits.

The timeline on maintenance and moving the stands was discussed. Marsh suggested moving stands before June and clearing the shooting lanes later. They decided to move the stands on Saturday, May 21st.

B. Texting App for DMC

Berg explained that we already have the Civic Engage app. We will be looking into this further to see if this could be used by hunters to report harvested deer.

5. New Business

Discussion and possible action on the following items:

A. Discuss and Nominate 2022-2023 Positions (Chair and Vice Chair)

Motion by Henry seconded by Renn to appoint Fehrm as the Deer Management Committee Chairperson. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Marsh seconded by Fehrm to appoint Berg as the Deer Management Committee Vice Chairperson. All were in favor. Motion carried.

B. Discuss and Motion - Standardize yearly meeting schedule

Motion by Berg seconded by Henry to set the Deer Management Committee regular meeting date as the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. All were in favor. Motion carried.

C. DMC Mailer Draft

Berg explained that we will be sending out a postcard to all residents of the city. The postcard will ask for assistance to place deer stands on private property, ask residents to participate in hunting and ask for donations towards a sharp shooting program. Renn asked if we could ask the DNR to put our deer management program information on their website. He also asked if Waukesha County Park and Planning could get the information out. Berg thinks it is a great idea and he would like if they would have information on all deer management programs that are open to the public. Marsh mentioned that the DNR already does this for ag tags. They have a website that shows the locations for farmers that have received ag tags so they possibly could have a website that shows all of the sites for deer management program hunting. Renn suggested a City of Delafield Deer Management Facebook page. Berg asked if there is a dashboard on the sign-up genius for people to talk.

Fehrm suggested condensing the information on their current flyer for the postcards. They will specify the correct hunting dates on the postcard. They will also change the words bow and arrow hunters to archery and crossbow hunters. Berg and Fehrm will have a draft for the Committee to review at the next meeting.

D. Discuss and Motion - Current City Ordinance on specified hunting distance from a building located on another person's land. Reference – 2013 Wisconsin Act 71 and Delafield, Wisconsin Code of Ordinances, Chapter 34, Article II, Section 34-20

The current city ordinance does not allow shooting on private property within 100 yards from a building located on another person's land without written consent. There was discussion about the definition of a building. Berg explained the reason for Act 71 was to make it more readily available and easier for municipalities to harvest nuisance deer.

Motion by Henry seconded by Fehrm to recommend to the Common Council to amend the City of Delafield Municipal Code of Ordinances, Chapter 34, Article II, Section 34-20 (g) as follows:

Sec. 34-20. Firearms, bows and arrows, crossbows, missiles and projectiles.

- (g) *Throwing, shooting or hunting with bow and arrow or crossbow on private property restricted.*
- (1) Throwing, shooting or hunting with bow and arrow or crossbow is allowed in the City of Delafield on personally owned private property or with ~~express written~~ permission from the property owner, except as restricted by subsection (g)(2) of this section.
 - (2) Restrictions.
 - a. Throwing, shooting or hunting with bow and arrow or crossbow on private property is not allowed within ~~100~~ 50 yards from a ~~building home dwelling~~ located on another person's land. This restriction does not apply if the person who owns the land on which the ~~building home dwelling~~ is located provides ~~express written~~ permission to hunt within 100 50 yards of the ~~building home dwelling~~ annually.
 - b. Throwing, shooting or hunting with bow and arrow or crossbow on private property is only allowed if the arrow or bolt from the respective weapon is discharged toward the ground.

All were in favor. Motion carried.

Berg moved ahead to item 5. G.

E. Bow Hunting Rules & Regulations

This item is postponed to a future meeting.

F. Deer Management Program Document Discussion/Update

This item is postponed to a future meeting.

G. Discuss and Motion – Termination of DMC March 31, 2023. Reference – Delafield, Wisconsin Code of Ordinances, Chapter 2, Article II, Division 3, Section 2-110

Berg explained that the sunset date for this committee is March 31, 2023. The mayor's intent is to continue this program as a standard committee. Henry would like to change this committee to Hunting and Wildlife Commission.

Motion by Henry seconded by Renn to recommend to the Common Council to change Deer Management Committee to Hunting and Wildlife Commission and make it a regular city commission.

Berg wants it to be clear that the Lake Welfare Committee still deals with water fowl. Henry said there have been issues that have come up with turkeys and currently this committee does not have the authority to deal with them. If they change to Hunting and Wildlife Commission, they would only deal with nuisance wildlife. Any issues with water fowl would need to be addressed with the Lake Welfare Committee. They could potentially add a Lake Welfare Committee representative as a member of the Hunting and Wildlife Commission. Fehrm was concerned that they would be completely getting away from the reason they were set up. Henry and Berg both replied that this group would still be responsible for deer management. The structure of the group would have to be changed to allow for other wildlife besides deer.

Motion carried with Fehrm voting nay.

H. Promotion & Tourism Update (Larry Fehrm)

Fehrm reported that we have record revenue coming in from the hotels.

I. Park & Rec Update (Tim Turnock)

No report.

6. Requests for Future Agenda Items – None.

Note: No discussion on requested items

7. Correspondence – None.

8. Adjournment

There was no further business; therefore, the Thursday, April 28, 2022 Deer Management Committee meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Green, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer