



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

Chair: Larry Fehrm

Members: Jacob Berg, Jim Marsh, Gene Olson, Joe Reynoso, Tim Turnock, Dirk Wilken

June 20, 2023

6:30 PM

City Hall, Council Chambers
500 Genesee St.

**Minutes
FINAL**

1. Call to Order

Chair Fehrm called the Deer Management Committee meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Roll Call

Members Present: Larry Fehrm, Chair
Jim Marsh
Gene Olson
Joe Reynoso
Tim Turnock
Dirk Wilken

Members Absent: Jacob Berg

Also Present: Sally DuPont, Recording Secretary

4. Minutes

Discussion and possible action on the following minutes:

A. Approval of Minutes of the May 16, 2023 Regular Meeting

Motion by Gene Olson, seconded by Dirk Wilken, to approve the minutes of the May 16, 2023 regular meeting.

All in favor. Motion carried.

5. City of Delafield Citizen Comments

Hearing no one who wished to speak, citizen comments were closed.

6. Unfinished Business

Discussion and possible action on the following items:

A. Discussion to Review Deer Stand Locations

Fehrm and Berg found a new site for the single solar stand on the west side of the Del-Hart property. Fehrm said the new site is still within the Del-Hart area and they will need to cut a trail to the new location. The committee members agreed to moving the single solar stand to the new location.

Fehrm then asked the committee members when a suitable time would be to move the dual stand at the brush pile. Reynoso suggested it should be done as soon as possible. Fehrm agreed and the members present agreed to help. Fehrm said he would like the work done in July, and the work would require moving the dual stand at the brush pile a short distance, cutting/marking the new trail, and taking down and relocating the single solar stand. Fehrm said they will then change the website maps to reflect the changes.

Olson suggested the use of round reflectors to mark the trails and Marsh suggested more deer stand straps should be purchased.

B. Discussion to Review Private Land Use

Wilken said he polled his neighbors at Cherokee Woods regarding possible hunting in the neighborhood out lot. Wilken said his neighbors had mixed opinions about using the out lot, with some having strong opposition, so it was decided the out lot should not be used.

Turnock reported they are still working with Nashotah House and they are revisiting the food pantry idea.

Fehrm said they will advertise in the *Communicator* twice a year to solicit private land owners.

Reynoso said he is working with a land owner by Del-Hart that may be open to putting up a stand and Reynoso has reached out to other homeowners.

Turnock said he spoke with hunters who use crossbows and those hunters expressed their reluctance of using private lands unless the private lands are sizeable.

Fehrm said there will need to be discussion about the city's liability on private property and there needs to be a sign-off. Olson said the liability was covered in the Deer Management Committee's form for private property.

C. Discussion to Review Trail Cameras

Olson said the use of trail cameras will help monitor if the stands are in the good locations, what type of activity is happening around the stands, and if the hunters are going out to the stands. Olson recommended the use of cellular trail cameras.

Turnock asked if the information gathered would be made public. Members agreed deer pictures could be posted on the website or emailed to the registered hunters. Olson and Reynoso said the information could also be used for advertising purposes.

Fehrm asked the members who would volunteer to monitor the trail cameras. Olson volunteered to monitor regularly and Reynoso said he could help monitor.

Fehrm asked how many trail cameras the committee should purchase. The members agreed one for each stand should be purchased.

Olson recommended cable locking the trail cameras to prevent theft.

Motion by Joe Reynoso, seconded by Tim Turnock, to purchase six trail cameras for monitoring, data, and marketing purposes, for all of the deer stands, including the cable locks, SD cards, batteries, and the data plan for \$14.99/month, for unlimited images, with unlimited cameras. The data plan would be for September 23, 2023 – January 31, 2024.

Olson clarified the data plan would be month by month and the cellular carrier choices are AT&T or Verizon. Olson said the cellular carrier with the best reception should be chosen.

All in favor. Motion carried.

D. Discussion to Review Deer Stands Open House

Fehrm said at a previous meeting the members had discussed hosting an open house for the hunters prior to the start of the season.

Turnock suggested the hunters can be invited to come out before the season starts, to get acquainted with the stands and the locations, and Deer Management Committee members would be there to answer any questions.

Members agreed to August 19, 2023 from 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. for the open house.

E. Discussion to Review Deer Population Survey

Fehrm contacted the DNR to see if they had an official deer population survey. The DNR said they do not have an official deer population survey because of the vastly different types of areas in Waukesha County. The DNR said they estimate the density as 18 deer per square mile for the total area of Waukesha County, however the DNR said that is not an accurate count for an urban area.

F. Discussion to Review Incentives and Promotions

Reynoso said incentives and promotions have become a part of the normal meeting discussion and should be a standing agenda item moving forward.

Fehrm suggested using blind draws for promotions.

G. Discussion to Review and Approve Website Form Changes

<https://www.cityofdelafield.com/515/Deer-Management>

Fehrm thanked Olson and Berg for helping him go through all of the Deer Management Committee forms, and they have retired many forms that were not useful. Fehrm said specific dates were eliminated from the forms so they can be used each year, and the forms are now available on the website.

7. New Business

Discussion and possible action on the following items:

8. Requests for Future Agenda Items

Note: No discussion on requested items

Fehrm asked the members if they would like to meet in July or August for the next Deer Management Committee meeting. The members decided to meet again in August and not have a July meeting.

- A. Review of Deer Stand Changes
- B. Private Land Use
- C. Trail Cameras/Locks
- D. Deer Stand Open House
- E. Activate Hunter Scheduler
- F. Incentives/Promotions

9. Correspondence

10. Adjournment

Having no further business, Chair Fehrm adjourned the meeting at 7:27 p.m.

Minutes approved: August 15, 2023

Minutes prepared by: Saly Dupont, Recording Secretary