

CITY OF DELAFIELD DEER MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Call to Order

Mayor Attwell called the August 19, 2020 Deer Management Committee meeting to order at 6:03 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll call

Present

Dave Brabson, P&R Rep
Joe Braun, Citizen Member
Jim Renn, Citizen Member
Jim Marsh, Citizen Member
Kent Attwell, Mayor

Absent

Daniel Miller, DPW Rep
Larry Fehrm, Promo & Tour Rep

1. City of Delafield Citizens' Comments.

Carol McCallister, 1925 Moraine End Dr., Delafield – Spoke about Item 4g. A wide variety of wildlife used to be in her neighborhood and has now decreased. Suggested using natural predators for solving the turkey problem. She stated that this is the Deer Management Committee and didn't have anything to do with turkeys.

Hearing no further commentary, Citizens' Comments were closed.

2. Approval of September 16, 2019 Minutes

D. BRABSON MOVED, SECONDED BY J. BRAUN TO APPROVE THE SEPTEMBER 16, 2019 DEER MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES AS PRESENTED. THERE WAS NO FURTHER DISCUSSION. ALL WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

3. Unfinished Business – None.

4. New Business

a. Discussion and possible action to elect a Chairperson for the Deer Management Committee

Mayor Attwell explained the alderperson appointed to this committee was no longer going to participate on this Committee and was the Chair. Due to this change, a new Chairperson was needed for the Committee.

J. Braun volunteered to be the Chairperson.

D. BRABSON MOVED TO ELECT JOE BRAUN BE THE CHAIR OF DEER MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE. J. RENN SECONDED. THERE WAS NO FURTHER DISCUSSION. ALL WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

b. Discussion and possible action to elect a Vice-Chairperson for the Deer Management Committee

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Jim Marsh volunteered to be the Vice-Chairperson for the Deer Management Committee.

D. BRABSON MOVED TO ELECT JIM MARSH FOR VICE-CHAIRPERSON. J. BRAUN SECONDED. THERE WAS NO FURTHER DISCUSSION. ALL WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

- c. Discussion and possible action to approve the 2020-21 Deer Management Plan/Report and authorize the Landowner and Bow Hunter matching program for 2020-21 bow hunting season from Sept 12th 2020 to Jan 3rd, 2021.

Updates have been made to reflect current dates and DNR new rules. D. Brabson submitted a document with additional changes. It was clarified that there is \$8,000 in the budget.

D. BRABSON MOVED TO APPROVE THE 2020-21 DEER MANAGEMENT PLAN/REPORT SUBJECT TO THE CLERICAL CHANGES AS PER THE ATTACHED AND TO RECOMMEND TO THE COMMON COUNCIL. J. RENN SECONDED THE MOTION. THERE WAS NO FURTHER DISCUSSION. ALL WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

- d. Discussion and possible action to approve the City of Delafield Bow Hunting Rules and Regulations 2020.

Updates have been made to reflect current DNR rules. Updates include two changes: 1) Nuisance permits will be only for female deer and 2) the only time CWD testing is required is if the hunter wishes to donate the deer to the food pantry (testing fees are the responsibility of the hunter). It was noted that lead time for processing CWD results can be 1-2 months – the deer processing would be done before the test results come back. The downside is that the expense of processing the deer would be incurred prior to getting the results back. It is anticipated that few hunters would be donating meat to the food pantries.

Discussion took place regarding hunting on private land. If hunting takes place on private land it is like the deer management program didn't exist (Option 1). If hunting takes place on other land, a nuisance tag would be needed (Option 2).

D. BRABSON MOVED TO APPROVE THE CITY OF DELAFIELD BOW HUNTING RULES AND REGULATIONS 2020 SUBJECT TO CLERICAL CORRECTIONS AND TO RECOMMEND TO THE COMMON COUNCIL. J. BRAUN SECONDED THE MOTION. THERE WAS NO FURTHER DISCUSSION. ALL WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

- e. Discussion and possible action to review applications and forms for the 2020-21 bow hunting season.

One form is for the use of bow hunting stands available on select city properties and/or to apply for the DNR issued nuisance tags, the other form was for landowners to give notice that approved bow hunters could hunt at select times on their property. Mayor Attwell will work with the clerk to make clerical changes on the applications and forms and on the City website. J. Braun discussed the number of nuisance tags a hunter could have. Last year, 96 deer were harvested by bow hunters and 15 by sharpshooters. Last year 191 hunters signed year and 11 private landowners participated. There was a deer hunter waiting list.

D. BRABSON MOVED TO APPROVE THE 2020-21 APPLICATION FORMS SUBJECT TO CLERICAL CORRECTIONS AND TO RECOMMEND TO THE COMMON COUNCIL. J. BRAUN SECONDED THE MOTION. THERE WAS NO FURTHER DISCUSSION. ALL WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

- f. Discussion and possible action regarding lists/contact info of past property owners and bow hunters participating in 2019-20 season as well as links and online passwords like

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www.appointments-plus.com to help the 2020 deer management committee manage a successful 2020-21 bow hunting season.

The appointment software is available for a \$49 monthly fee. This software can be used and suspended until needed again. Deer hunters can self-register for different time slots. This can be shared with the hunters. J. Braun and J. Marsh will help with this. D. Brabson suggested that hunters could sign up for three time slots at a time and when they are used up, they could sign up for more. The time allotted per time slot will be determined. There is a database within the software that can be used to send emails to the hunters reminding them of the upcoming season and to send postcards to the landowners.

J. Renn discussed using some of the budgeted Deer Management funds to assist in the deer testing fees to encourage donations to the food pantries.

- g. Discussion and possible action to recommend changes section Sec. 34-20 – Firearms, bows and arrows, crossbows, missiles and projectiles of the municipal code to allow limited Turkey hunting on lands within the city zoned A1 (Agricultural).

Mayor Attwell clarified that turkeys could not be shot within the City and the suggested changes to Section 34-20 is only for lands zoned A1 (Agriculture).

J. RENN MOVED TO APPROVE THE WORDING TO REFLECT THAT “TURKEY HUNTING, USING SHOT ONLY, IS PERMITTED ON PROPERTIES ZONED A1 (AGRICULTURE), BUT NOT WITHIN 100 YARDS FROM ANY BUILDING DEVOTED FOR HUMAN OCCUPANCY UNLESS THE PERSON WHO OWNS LAND ON WHICH THE BUILDING IS LOCATED PROVIDES EXPRESS WRITTEN PERMISSION TO HUNT WITHIN 100 YARDS OF THE BUILDING.” AND TO FORWARD THE RECOMMENDATION TO THE PLAN COMMISSION AND COMMON COUNCIL. J. BRABSON SECONDED THE MOTION. THERE WAS NO FURTHER DISCUSSION. ALL WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

5. Correspondence

- a. Email correspondence with Nathan Holoubek – WDNR

6. Next meeting: The next meeting of the Deer Management Committee will be held on September 9, 2020 at 6 PM; location to be determined.

7. Adjournment

There was no further business; therefore, the August 19, 2020 Deer Management Committee meeting adjourned at 7:11 PM.

Minutes Prepared By:

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