

DEER MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
Friday, October 4, 2013 – 2:30 PM
City Conference Room

MINUTES

Present: Chair Rackow, Ald. Trzebiatowski.
Also Present: Mel Dow, Interfaith Food Pantry of Portage County.
Absent: Member Jacob, Police Chief Kevin Ruder, DNR Rep. Lesa H. Kardash,
Aaron Geistfeld, Absolute Wildlife Control, Observer Amberle Eversen.

1. Deer Management Committee minutes of July 31, 2013.

Ald. Trzebiatowski, **moved** to approve the minutes, Chair Rackow seconded.

Ayes: all; Nays: none; motion passed.

2. Progress in the 2013 – 14 Culling Project and possible action.

- A. Review of the funds available for deer culling and possible approval of increasing the number of deer the culler may cull.
 - 1. The culler submitted his bill for culling 9 antlerless deer. The payment used the amount in the City's budgeted amount and the remainder was paid from the non-lapsing deer management account.
 - 2. More Funds became available in the non-lapsing fund so the culler was informed on October 16, 2013, copy attached, that he could cull a total of 28 antlerless deer.
 - 3. Ald. Trzebiatowski reported that the Council agreed to extend the authority of the Deer Management Committee to obtain quotes to employ deer cullers to cull antlerless deer by using archery tackle until such time as the Council would terminate such authority.
 - 4. Ald. Mike Wiza requested that the Deer Management Committee consider asking the deer cullers to save the hearts of culled deer so that the deer hearts could be given to the Raptor Center in Antigo to feed recovering bald eagles.
- B. Progress in approaching the College of Natural Resources at UW-SP about getting students to cull antlerless deer. A letter to the Chancellor of UW-SP dated October 8, 2013, copy attached was prepared requesting the College of Natural Resources consider making deer culling in Stevens Point a portion of the curriculum for its students.
- C. Update on contacting car insurance companies and auto repair shops for donations to the Deer Management Fund. Chair Rackow and Ald. Trzebiatowski divided the 14 insurers and the 9 repair shops and contacted them for donations. A total of \$675.00 was raised in this manner.

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

This topic will be explored further.

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

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 14, 2013, at 2:30 PM, in the City Conference Room.

5. Adjournment.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:45 PM.

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October 16, 2013

Mr. Aaron Geistfeld
Absolute Wildlife Control
3711 Haga Drive
Plover, WI 54467

Dear Mr. Geistfeld:

Additional funds have been made available to the City of Stevens Point for deer culling. You may now cull additional antlerless deer at your quote of \$70.00 per deer culled through January 31, 2014. Your new total is as follows:


28 deer culled x \$70.00 per deer = \$1,960.00.

The City's objective is to cull as many deer as soon as feasible. The previous instructions remain in place.

This agreement may be terminated upon 24 hours' notice by the City for reasons deemed sufficient by the City.

We wish you success in your culling venture.

Sincerely,


Elbert J. Rackow
Chair
Deer Management Committee
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UWSP Chancellor Bernie Patterson
2100 Main St.
Room 213 Old Main
Stevens Point, WI 54481

October 8, 2013

Dear Chancellor Patterson:

I am a member of the Stevens Point Deer Management Committee. The Deer Management Committee has been culling antlerless deer in the City of Stevens Point for more than the past decade. Due to budget constraints our funding has been severely decreased. I am writing to see if the UWSP College of Natural Resources would be interested in partnering with the City of Stevens Point in controlling the deer population within the City limits of Stevens Point.

Our City requires our contracted cullers to possess Liability Insurance coverage of \$1,000,000. This prohibits most small independent contractors from expressing interest. Our thought is that the University has umbrella liability insurance that would cover UWSP College of Natural Resources students that may be interested in being active participants in our culling process.

The City of Stevens Point currently contracts with hunters utilizing archery tackle to control deer on public and private lands within the City of Stevens Point. The City obtains special harvest permits from the State DNR which our contractors use to harvest antlerless deer, register them, and we make the deer available to local Food Pantries for distribution to needy recipients.

If the UWSP College of Natural Resources would be interested in being involved, your students would be involved in the deer culling process of limiting their population within the Stevens Point area. We note that if deer culling within the City were to become part of a class experience, student participants would not have to travel far to participate. It also would be an exercise in deer culling in an urban setting.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of this request.

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