

DEER MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
Thursday, December 18, 2013 – 2:30 PM
City Conference Room

MINUTES

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

1. Deer Management Committee minutes of November 14, 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 antlerless deer culled and funds available for deer culling and possible approval of increasing the number of deer the culler may cull. We have funds for the culler to cull 28 deer in 2013. The culler has culled 24 antlerless deer. The number that went to the food pantry is 22. Culled deer unfit for consumption were 2. The culler was given 28 tags, so the 4 remaining tags, which expired December 31, 2013, need to be returned. If we do not settle up promptly for 2013, the DNR may be hesitant to issue tags for 2014.
- B. Progress in approaching the College of Natural Resources at UW-SP about getting students to cull antlerless deer. The College of Natural Resources expects to hire a specialist in deer management in the near future. When that person is hired he or she may consider our request.
- C. Update on contacting car insurance companies and auto repair shops for donations to the Deer Management Fund. All contacts have been made.

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

This topic will be explored further.

4. Progress report on applying for a grant under the DNR's Urban Wildlife Damage Abatement and Control Grant Program and possible action.

There has not yet been a response our request.

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

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 23, 2014, at 2:30 PM, in the City Conference Room.

6. Adjournment.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 PM.