

DEER MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
Thursday, January 23, 2014 – 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 December 18, 2013.

Ald. Trzebiatowski, **moved** to approve the minutes, Member Okonek 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. The culler has culled 25 antlerless deer. The number that went to the food pantry is 23. Culled deer unfit for consumption were 2. The culler was given 28 tags, so the 3 remaining tags, which expired December 31, 2013, need to be returned. We need to settle up promptly with the DNR for 2013.
- B. Progress in approaching the College of Natural Resources at UW-SP about getting students to cull antlerless deer. Per a telephone call from the College of Natural Resources at UW-SP, the College has considered offering its students an opportunity to help the City cull deer. The College has decided not accept the offer of the City to participate partly because of liability issues.

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.

In a letter dated January 16, 2014, the DNR said our grant program will not be funded. A paragraph from the letter follows.

"The Department received thirteen applications for the \$24,700 allocated for this program. Seven of the applications are being funded. Unfortunately, the remaining six did not rank high enough to receive funding this year."

5. Review of revised rules for allowing hunters to use archery tackle in urban areas during regular archery deer seasons and possible action.

The Legislature said municipalities could not ban archery hunting and archery hunters must shoot toward the ground. The City ordinance was amended to exempt deer cullers hired by the City.

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

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday February 19, 2014, at 2:30 PM, in the City Conference Room.

7. Adjournment.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:15 PM.