

**CITY OF STEVENS POINT  
DEER MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES  
NOVEMBER 15, 2017. 3:00pm  
CITY HALL, 1515 STRONGS AVE., CITY CONFERENCE ROOM**

**Voting Members Present**

Chair: John Okonek, 2916 Dixon St., Stevens Point, WI 54481 715-630-0230, Email: johno64@att.net.

Member Dr. Scott Hygnstrom, Email: scott.hygnstrom@uwsp.edu.

Member Kevin Leahy, Email: [kevinleahy@att.net](mailto:kevinleahy@att.net).

Member Mike Bialas, 1825 Gilkay St., Stevens Point, WI 54481, 715-340-8054, [wbialas@hotmail.com](mailto:wbialas@hotmail.com).

Member Alder Mary McComb, 2100 Elk Street, Stevens Point, WI 54481, 715-570-8836, Email: marymccombalder@gmail.com

**Voting Members Excused**

Member Barb Jacob, 1616 Depot St., Apt. A, Stevens Point, WI 54481, H: 715-342-1390, B: 715-343-1730, Email: [barbjacob22@gmail.com](mailto:barbjacob22@gmail.com) (extended leave of absence).

**Advisory Members Present**

Operations Chief Tom Zenner, 1515 Strongs Ave., Stevens Point, WI 54481, 715-346-1500, [tzenner@sevenspoint.com](mailto:tzenner@sevenspoint.com).

Mel Dow, Interfaith Food Pantry of Portage County, 821 Sixth St., Plover, WI 54467, 715-341-53 79, [mpdow@charter.net](mailto:mpdow@charter.net).

William J. Horvath, 350 McDill Ave., Stevens Point, WI 54481, 715-341-4021, [billjhorvath@gmail.com](mailto:billjhorvath@gmail.com).

**Advisory Members Absent**

DNR Rep. Lesa H. Kardash, 473 Griffith Ave., Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54494. 715-421-7813, [lesa.kardash@wisconsin.gov](mailto:lesa.kardash@wisconsin.gov).

Bryan Lockman, bryan.lockman@wisconsin.gov, 715-344-3694.

Jon Scharbarth, jonscharbarth@wisconsin.gov. 715-344-3694.

**Others Present**

Greg Klug (Deer Culler), Alex Danczyk, Joe Danczyk, Emily Nehmer, Ald. Mike Phillips (Dist. 10)

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 pm by Chairperson Okonek. The Chair indicted a quorum was present.

**Discussion and Possible Action.**

1. **Approval of the Deer Management Committee minutes of September 20, 2017.**  
*McComb moved and Leahy seconded to approve the September 10, 2017 minutes. Passed unanimously.*
2. **The 2017 – 2018 Culling Project**

**a. Update on culling project**

*Chair Okonek reported we have received and will process Greg Klug's billing statement and that after the meat receives approval Mel Dow can pick up for the food pantry.*

**b. Number of deer culled.**

*42 deer have been culled to date out of the 45 tags available. Whether to go up to 50 tags, the budget limit, was discussed.*

*Leahy **moved** Hygnstrom seconded to go up to 50. Motion passed unanimously.*

**c. Any issues pertaining to deer culling within the city.**

*Alex and Joe Danczyk questioned the necessity of deer culling on the West Side, specifically near their property near the Parkway Bar. They are doing habitat protection on their property and observed a drop in the deer population.*

*Alder Phillips showed a map, which he said dated from 2012's deer Management Committee, of the areas the committee decided should be culled. The east side of Hwy. 51 and the West Side were not on the map.*

*Chair Okonek explained that deer are culled in problem areas where there were complaints or car-deer accidents. The area near the Danczyks is the closest safe culling spot to where car-deer accidents occur near the Parkway Bar. Chair Okonek reviewed culling practices. Deer are culled only in areas where it is safe to cull. They culled on city-owned land and only on private property if the owner permits. For example, Sentry doesn't let the city cull on its property.*

*The committee will research the map issue as well as take the Danczyk's concerns under advisement.*

**3. Update on wildlife nuisance abatement grant.**

*Hygnstrom offered to prepare the application and have a draft ready by Wednesday, November 22, 2017. The city attorney will be consulted as to who signs as authorized representative. For the new wildlife plan worksheet geese and deer complaint numbers are needed. **What did we decide about how to get these? And who will consult city attorney?***

*Horvath said that the proposed joint plain with Plover and Whiting will not take place this year. The draft plan is in the hands of the city attorney. McComb will follow up with him and get the joint plain on the Council agenda for approval in Spring, 2018. Horvath reminded the committee to get city costs involved so city can be reimbursed.*

*The committee discussed plans for alleviating goose problems in Piffner Park based on research from Hygnstrom's students. If geese can be*

*harassed by pyrotechnics and people for about four straight days at the same time of day in May, it is enough to deter them from assembling at that place. It was decided to seek volunteers (environmental students, Ducks Unlimited) plus city staff to do this.*

*Leahy **moved** and McComb seconded the purchase of \$500 in pyrotechnic equipment (pistol launchers, etc.) for this purpose. The committee discussed the need to warn neighbors and get city approval for this venture.*

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

*January 10, 2018 3pm in City Hall Conference Room.*

**5. Adjournment**

*McComb **moved** to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 3:55.*

Final, MEM 11/17/17