

**CITY OF STEVENS POINT
DEER MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES
AUGUST 22, 2018, 3:00 PM
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:

Member Kevin Leahy, Email:

Member Mike Bialas, 1825 Gilkay St., Stevens Point, WI 54481, 715-340-8054,

Member Alder Mary McComb, 2100 Elk Street, Stevens Point, WI 54481, 715-570-8836, Email:

Voting Members Excused

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

Advisory Members Present

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

Advisory Members Absent

Operations Chief Tom Zenner, 1515 Strongs Avenue., Stevens Point, WI 54481, 715-346-1500,

William J. Horvath, 350 McDill Ave., Stevens Point, WI 54481, 715-341-4021,

DNR Rep. Lesa H. Kardash, 473 Griffith Ave., Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54494. 715-421-7813,

Bryan Lockman, 715-344-3694

Jon Scharbarth, 715-344-3694

Others Present

Cullers: Greg Klug, Dan Hirman, Raffe Hulce

Alan Horvorka, Stevens Point Journal

Mike Leischner, WSAU

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

1. **Approval of the Deer Management Committee minutes of January 10, 2018.**
Scott Hygnstrom moved and Mary McComb seconded to approve. Passed unanimously.
2. **Update on plan to control geese along Wisconsin River.**
Hygnstrom reviewed the well-laid plans to deter geese from Pfiffner Park, involving human dispersal and noisemakers. The April snowstorm delayed goose

activity and thus implementation due to changed goose habits. The silhouettes don't work well. What is needed is more systematic patterning of where the geese are. City staff could be of use here. The committee discussed possible round-ups, such as done in Wisconsin Rapids. Hygnstrom will discuss with Lisa Kardash. Okonek and McComb will discuss with Parks Board.

3. The 2018-2019 culling project

A. Number of deer to be culled.

Our budget is \$6,146. Culling is \$55/deer. Processing has risen to \$65/deer. Total per deer is \$120. This figure allows us to cull 45 deer this season.

Mike Bialas **moved** Kevin Leahy seconded to accept these numbers. Passed unanimously.

B. Culling locations.

The DNR has requested more specific locations to aid CWD tracking. Okonek asked the cullers to divide the city into zones so we can identify which zone each deer came from. People's will continue processing and removing the heads to test for CWD.

C. Any issues pertaining to deer culling within the city.

GIS mapping was discussed because the DNR has increased its reporting requirements for grant applications. GIS mapping could indicate locations of deer complaints and car-deer accidents. Complaints filter from the City Clerk's office to Okonek, who contacts Greg Klug. It will be sufficient to identify the zone in which a deer was culled. Klug will contact McComb with contact McComb with information on culls. McComb will work with Scott Beduhn, Public Works Director, on a GIS map, which will not be public. McComb and Okonek will work with the SPPD to ensure that car-deer accidents are available for the map.

4. Update on 2018-2019 grant.

Grant application materials come out later in fall. We need to be ready to provide the increased data required, as well as any round-up proposal.

Hygnstrom reported that he met in April with officials from Plover and Whiting about a public education effort. They decided on a brochure; preparation is in progress.

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

Wednesday 17 October, 3 p.m. City Conference Room.

6. Adjournment

Hygnstrom **moved** to adjourn at 3:36 with unanimous consent.

Mary McComb 8/22/2018