

**CITY OF STEVENS POINT  
DEER MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES  
NOVEMBER 28, 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: scott.hygnstrom@uwsp.edu

Member Carole Cassidy

Member Mike Bialas, 1825 Gilkay St., Stevens Point, WI 54481, 715-340-8054, 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 (extended leave of absence).

**Advisory Members Present**

Mel Dow, Interfaith Food Pantry of Portage County, 821 Sixth Street., Plover, WI 54467, 715-341-5379, [mpdow@charter.net](mailto:mpdow@charter.net)

**Advisory Members Absent**

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

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

DNR Rep. Lesa H. Kardash, 473 Griffith Ave., Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54494. 715-421-7813, lesa.kardash@wisconsin.gov

Bryan Lockman, [bryanlockman@wisconsin.gov](mailto:bryanlockman@wisconsin.gov) 715-344-3694

Jon Scharbarth, [jonscharbarth@wisconsin.gov](mailto:jonscharbarth@wisconsin.gov) . 715-344-3694

**Others Present**

Culler: Greg Klug, UWSP students: John Roth, Mason Machotka, Matt Koepke, Brandon Rasmussen, Shannon Haley

The meeting was called to order at 3:02 pm by Chairperson Okonek. The Chair indicted a quorum was present.

**1. Approval of the Deer Management Committee minutes of October 17, 2018.**

*McComb moved and Bialas seconded to approve. Passed unanimously.*

**2. The 2018-2019 culling project**

**A. Number of deer to be culled.**

33 (5 bucks) out of the permitted 45 deer have been culled so far, with all but one turned in to Peoples' Meat Market. One was gotten by a coyote.

**B. Culling locations.**

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

Klug reported some harassment, including drivers honking at him while he's on the job.

Okonek reported 11 car-deer incidents.

McComb will meet with the GIS person to begin the mapping process. SPPD can provide locations of the car-deer incidents.

Okonek reported budget numbers:

Total	\$6146.12
Deer	2475.00
Processing	2700.00
Balance	3850.00
Receive from grant	3850

Hygnstrom **moved** to authorize culling of 5 more deer before December 3, for a total of 50. Bialas seconded. Passed unanimously.

Dow reported that thus far the pantry has distributed 581# of venison, averaging 30#/deer. 2017's total was 1485#, 2016 was 889#.

**3. Update on 2018-2019 grant.**

Hygnstrom has completed writing the 2019 Urban Wildlife Damage Abatement and Control Grant. He distributed copies to the committee members. The members discussed population numbers, with Klug estimating 250-300 deer, and others estimating perhaps 100+ geese. There have also been quite a few turkey complaints this year.

Lisa Kardash is willing to speak with us about grants.

McComb/Bialas **moved/2nded** to approve the grant application with some typo corrections, and Okonek bringing to the Mayor to sign for approval at Common Council. Approved unanimously.

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

Wednesday 9 January, 3:00pm. City Conference Room.

**5. Adjournment.**

Hygnstrom/Bialas **moved** to adjourn with unanimous consent at 3:40.

Mary McComb 01/01/2019