



**CITY OF DELAFIELD
MEETING MINUTES
DEER MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

Chair: Larry Fehrm

Members: Jacob Berg, Jim Marsh, Gene Olson, Joe Reynoso, Tim Turnock, Dirk Wilken

August 15, 2023

6:30 PM

City Hall, Council Chambers
500 Genesee St.

**Minutes
FINAL**

1. Call to Order

Chair Fehrm called the Deer Management Committee meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Roll Call

Members Present: Jacob Berg
Larry Fehrm, Chair
Jim Marsh
Gene Olson
Joe Reynoso
Tim Turnock
Dirk Wilken

Also Present: Sally DuPont, Recording Secretary

4. Minutes

Discussion and possible action on the following minutes:

A. Approval of Minutes of the June 20, 2023 Regular Meeting

Motion by Dirk Wilken, seconded by Joe Reynoso, to approve the minutes of the June 20, 2023 regular meeting.

All in favor. Motion carried.

5. City of Delafield Citizen Comments

Hearing no one who wished to speak, citizen comments were closed at 6:31 p.m.

6. Unfinished Business

Discussion and possible action on the following items:

A. Discussion to Review Deer Stand Locations and Work Completed in July

Fehrm said on two consecutive weekends in July, the single stand on the western part of the solar panels was moved deep into the woods. Fehrm thanked the committee members that helped. Fehrm said they decided not to move the double stand on the southern side. Fehrm and Marsh cleared trees and brush to improve the shooting lanes for the single stand that is located in the trees. The Lois Jensen stands remain in the same locations.

Fehrm confirmed the season starts September 16, 2023.

B. Discussion to Review Trail Cameras

Fehrm said the committee purchased three trail cameras and they have been registered with the city. Fehrm said all of the committee members will have access to the photos. The committee members agreed the cameras should be installed immediately and taken down in December. Berg suggested to put the cameras up earlier for the 2024 season.

Turnock and Olson volunteered to place the brush pile cameras and Reynoso, Marsh and Fehrm volunteered to place the Lois Jensen camera.

Berg said it would be ideal for the trail camera photos to be made public, and for hunters to have the ability to look at the photos themselves.

C. Discussion to Review Incentives and Promotions

Reynoso said they would like to promote more children hunting with their parents/guardians. Reynoso spoke about incentive and gift card ideas.

Turnock suggested the idea of having pictures posted of hunters with their trophy deer, killed within the city, on the city's website. Fehrm said they will be sending out email blasts with photos of successes to the hunters in the program.

Turnock volunteered to work with Reynoso to formalize 2-3 promotional ideas to bring to the next Deer Management Committee meeting.

D. Discussion to Review Private Land Use

Fehrm said he will contact Gehl farms during the season to get a count of the deer that were killed on their property.

E. Discussion to Review Open House Format and Confirm August 19, 2023 Date, From 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Fehrm suggested the August open house be moved to next year because of the last-minute notice and lack of committee members that are able to be present, and the members agreed.

Reynoso and Wilken suggested the idea of having an end of the season celebration for the hunters.

F. Discussion to Review Activating the Scheduler September 1, 2023

The members agreed to open the scheduler on September 1, 2023.

7. New Business

Discussion and possible action on the following items:

A. Review of the "State bowhunting deer season approaches" Article Published in the *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*, Sunday, August 13, 2023

Fehrm discussed the article and said it was good publicity for the season.

8. Requests for Future Agenda Items

Note: No discussion on requested items

A. Private Land Use

B. Trail Cameras

- C. Feedback from Chamber of Commerce
- D. Hunter Scheduler
- E. Incentives/Promotions
- F. End of Season Potential Open House for Hunters

9. Correspondence

10. Adjournment

Having no further business, Chair Fehrm adjourned the meeting at 7:26 p.m.

Minutes approved: October 17, 2023

Minutes prepared by: Sally DuPont, Recording Secretary