



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

Chair: Larry Fehrm

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

November 21, 2023

6:30 PM

City Hall, Council Chambers
500 Genesee St.

Minutes

1. Call to Order

Chair Fehrm called the Deer Management Committee meeting to order at 6.32 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Roll Call

Members Present: Jacob Berg
Larry Fehrm, Chair
Jim Marsh
Gene Olson

Members Excused: Dirk Wilken
Joe Reynoso
Tim Turnock

Also Present: Dottie Cox, Administrative Support Specialist

4. Minutes

Discussion and possible action on the following minutes:

A. Approval of Minutes of the October 17, 2023 Regular Meeting

Motion by Olson, seconded by Marsh, to approve the minutes of the October 17, 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 6.35 p.m.

6. Unfinished Business

Discussion and possible action on the following items:

Chairperson Larry Fehrm took Item D. first to accommodate the guest speaker, Chris Kelliher, Chairman of the Town of Delafield Deer Committee

A. State of the Union

Fehrm informed the Committee that the tri-stand had blown over again and he and Jim Marsh added new stakes and secured it further. Fehrm also updated the Committee on this year's harvest, so far there has been one harvest from a stand and 3 on private property, for a total of 4 deer harvested. He said there are currently about 190 participants and that in the first 60 days of the program there were 330 appointments made for the use of stands. He also told the Committee that he has again submitted an article for the next issue of the Communicator, which will be out in January.

B. Review trail cameras

Fehrm stated that the trail cams are working well, although it has been 3 to 4 weeks since they have seen any activity. Olson asked if they were considering moving the cams, which Fehrm said was not an option during the remainder of this season, but perhaps new locations could be chosen for next season.

C. Review incentives and promotions

Fehrm stated that the first winner was chosen, which was a father/son photo. He said there have been several good submissions, including a father/son video. The first three prizes to be given out will be \$100.00 gift cards from Revere's, Belfre and Zins. They will continue to choose other businesses each time.

D. Guest Speaker, Chris Kelliher, Chairman of the Town of Delafield Deer Committee

Chairperson Larry Fehrm introduced Chris Kelliher, Chairman of the Town of Delafield Deer Committee. Kelliher spoke to the Committee, starting with the fact that he is in Sales with Pieper Electric. He has donated deer stands and equipment over the years, beginning with the Committee being organized by Wayne Dehn. He said that he had hunted both the City and the Town of Delafield over the years. Kelliher stated the Town has harvested 22 deer so far this season. He told the Committee that the Town of Delafield currently has 13 stands, 11 located on the former Ethan Allen School property, which is 68 acres, and 2 located on properties adjacent to one another, one being private property and the other being part of the Waukesha County Conservancy. One of their stands is also ADA compliant. He further explained the training process they use with their program as well as the rules and regulations. They do not have a budget for their program, it is strictly run on donations and the members are all hunters who donate their time to groom the stand areas and do frequent walks throughout to make sure they are utilizing the optimal location for their stands. Members of the Committee asked various questions on Kelliher's opinion of the City's program and how it could be improved upon. Kelliher thought the biggest issue the City faces is location. He advised that they reach out and try to find better locations for the stands, rather than group them together. Jacob Berg felt the density of the stands is an issue and offered to reach out to Waukesha County regarding the use of Frog Hollow Conservancy, as well as contacting private landowners to try and find better locations to place stands. Larry Fehrm stated that he had reached out to the Gun Club, but there was no interest there in allowing hunting on that land and he also feels that it should be a high priority to find more land. It was also discussed by both sides about the choice of parks being a poor location for stands, both for the reason of people traffic and safety. Gene Olson suggested that the Town and the City Team up, but that was not something that either Committee felt would be feasible or necessary. Kelliher did offer to walk through the land and stands that the city has, after the season is over, and offer any suggestions and insight he might have on improving the City's program. Fehrm thanked Kelliher for coming and sharing his information and said they would take him up on his offer to walk through their stands after the season ends in January.

7. New Business

Discussion and possible action on the following items:

Fehrm brought up the need for a December meeting. The Committee did not feel that a December meeting would be necessary. The next meeting will take place at the regularly scheduled date and time, the third Tuesday of January.

8. Requests for Future Agenda Items

Note: No discussion on requested items

- A. State of the Union
- B. Review trail cameras
- C. Review Incentives and Promotions
- D. Discussion regarding hunting private land.

9. Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

10. Adjournment

Having no further business, Chair Fehrm adjourned the meeting at 7.28 p.m.

Minutes Approved: January 16, 2024

Minutes Prepared by: Dottie Cox, Administrative Support Specialist