



Rochester Hills

Minutes - Draft

Deer Management Advisory Committee

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*Deborah Barno, Werner Richard Braun, III, Sean Donovan, Scott Hunter, Dorothy Kaltz,
James Kubicina and James Nachtman
Council Members: Dale A. Hetrick and Theresa Mungoli
Youth Representatives: Henry Hall*

Tuesday, March 9, 2021

6:00 PM

1000 Rochester Hills Drive

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Barno called the Deer Management Advisory Committee meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present 7 - Deborah Barno, Sean Donovan, Scott Hunter, James Kubicina, James Nachtman, Werner Richard Braun III and Dorothy Kaltz

Absent: Ken Elwert, Dale A. Hetrick

Others Present: Matt Einheuser, Lance DeVoe, Theresa Mungoli and Henry Hall

Members of public in attendance: Gary Granader, Shelly Novak

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[2021-0091](#) Approval of Minutes - Regular Meeting - February 3, 2021

Attachments: [DMAC 2-3-21 Minutes Master.pdf](#)
[DMAC 2-3-21 Minutes Draft.pdf](#)

A motion was made by Nachtman, seconded by Donovan, that this matter be Approved as Amended. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye 7 - Barno, Donovan, Hunter, Kubicina, Nachtman, Braun III and Kaltz

Resolved, that the Minutes of the Deer Management Advisory Committee Meeting held on February 3, 2021 be approved as amended.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Staff Presentation – Urban Deer Management 101

Matt Einheuser and Lance DeVoe presented on Urban Deer Management in terms of metrics that can be used or have been considered as well as deer management techniques and other mitigating strategies. They covered biological/ecological approach and social approach. DeVoe touched on different deer removal methods explored or used by others in the past including culling, archery, sterilization, and finished with other education, outreach and mitigating the impacts beyond managing the deer population. Member Kaltz requested a copy of the slide show. DeVoe talked about the two options. Mitigating the impacts or culling/removal of deer. Kaltz commented that despite best effort for mitigation, deer population is still growing. People aren't happy, gets phone calls, deer excrement concerns. We have a group of taxpayers who want to use their yards and we have a responsibility to these people. Discussion ensued. Member Donovan asked about the effectiveness of a cull, is it something done annually. DeVoe reiterated that is it not a one-time thing. Member Braun asked about the behavior of deer and how that changes with management and does management occurring in one area push deer or change other areas without management. Theresa Mungoli asked about deer migrating to other areas. DeVoe expressed that deer range is 1 square mile so they will feed on other less desirable things rather than travel 2 or 3 miles to other more desired food sources. Donovan asked about the survey that was sent to residents. Discussion ensued and it was clarified that the city has nothing to do with it and there were some concerns by the city as to how it was worded/created.

Jim Kubicina – historical review of things the committee has considered from the inception of the DMAC.

Member Kubicina gave a historical review of what was considered when he was chair of the committee including cull, archery, etc., and the concerns originally associated with these methods. Discussion ensued.

NEW BUSINESS

Member Kaltz commented about population of residents that are not happy and there is not an easy answer. She says there needs to be a system of both deer management and mitigating impacts. Would like her suggestions looked at. Discussion ensued.

Member Donovan mentioned the need for a survey. Kaltz commented on a need for a survey to get an idea of people concerns. Would like to see ecological/biological component looked at. Chairperson Barno commented that many people, like herself, are on the other side of the spectrum and love to see the deer and do not have a problem with them. Member Braun reiterated that it's important that everyone is heard and staff has shown that everything is considered even though things may not go the way everyone wants it to. Theresa Mungoli asked about what other criteria we could look at from a

biological approach and that she would like to see that. Discussion ensued.

Theresa Mungoli brought up a deer seminar for this year. Discussion ensued. Chairperson Barno will work with staff on this, including the potential to expand on the content and take place outside.

NEXT MEETING DATE

Tuesday April 13, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, Chairperson Barno adjourned the meeting at 7:55 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Megan Stencil.

Minutes were approved as presented/amended at the _____ 2021 Regular Deer Management Advisory Committee Meeting.

Deborah Barno, Chairperson