



Rochester Hills

Minutes - Draft

Deer Management Advisory Committee

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*Monique Balaban, Deborah Barno, Jeremy Brown, Allen Decker,
Sean Donovan, Scott Hunter and James Nachtman
Council Members: Susan Bowyer Ph.D., Dale A. Hetrick
Youth Representative: Zoe Pizzuti*

Monday, August 7, 2017

7:00 PM

1000 Rochester Hills Drive

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Barno called the Deer Management Advisory Committee meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present 6 - Monique Balaban, Jeremy Brown, Deborah Barno, Allen Decker, Sean Donovan and James Nachtman

Absent 1 - Scott Hunter

Council Members:

*Susan Bowyer, Ph.D.
Dale Hetrick*

Staff:

*Ken Elwert, Director of Parks and Forestry
Lance DeVoe, Naturalist*

Residents:

Jennie McCartyl

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Resident, Jenny McCartyl, spoke. She was attending to learn more about the committee.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[2017-0352](#) Approval of Minutes - Regular Meeting - March 2, 2017

Attachments: [3-2-17 Minutes - Final.pdf](#)

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

Aye 6 - Balaban, Brown, Barno, Decker, Donovan and Nachtman

Absent 1 - Hunter

Resolved that the Minutes of the March 2, 2017 Regular Meeting of the Deer Management Advisory Committee are approved as presented.

NEW BUSINESS

[2017-0357](#) Presentation of Deer Management ideas and plan regarding deer vegetation

Chairperson Barno proposed to the committee that they expand their recommendations to council. She wants the committee to be better messengers of deer information.

Barno suggested hosting an annual gardening seminar in conjunction with Bordine's or another nursery.

Barno also suggested creating a brochure that can be distributed to residents, a seasonal deer management guide. It could include city ordinances, information about deer.

Director Elwert would like to have a strategic plan for the department. He understands that outreach has been a weakness and is in the process of changing that. He would like to outreach to HOAs and residents.

Discussion ensued.

[2017-0358](#) 2017 DMAC Recommendations

Member Balaban discussed creating an ordinance against planting plants that deer like. Discussion ensued.

Chairperson Barno motioned that the DMAC recommend that the city implement a deer vegetation awareness program. Member Nachtman seconded.

Aye 6 - Balaban, Brown, Barno, Decker, Donovan and Nachtman

Absent 1 - Hunter

DISCUSSION ITEMS

[2017-0353](#) Review 2016 DMAC Recommendations

Chairperson Barno recommended six movable signs. The cost per sign is approximately \$1000, which includes moving them. Discussion ensued on how to present information to council.

Member Balaban presented 3 sign styles. Discussion ensued.

Chairperson Barno recommended an aerial study. DeVoe said the weather conditions were not favorable, there was not significant snowfall to mobilize a helicopter so it was not completed in 2016. Will complete this year if the conditions are favorable.

Chairperson Barno would like to see "Don't veer for deer" in the fall utility bills.

Member Balaban motioned to review the options, take to city engineering for traffic approval and come back to DMAC with possible inclusion in a recommendation to city council. Barno seconded.

Aye 6 - Balaban, Brown, Barno, Decker, Donovan and Nachtman

Absent 1 - Hunter

2017-0354 Review 2016 SEMCOG report

Lance DeVoe discussed the SEMCOG report. There was not a huge change. Discussion ensued.

Discussed

2017-0355 Status of current deer population in RH

Lance DeVoe discussed aggressive deer. The office is receiving regular calls, typically in the spring. There is not enough property for deer to raise their fawns and subdivisions are safer than other areas where there might be fox and other predators.

Discussed

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None

NEXT MEETING DATE

Next meeting date to be determined.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, Chairperson Barno adjourned the meeting at 8:48 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Megan Stencil.

*Minutes were approved as presented/amended at the _____ 2018
Regular Deer Management Advisory Committee Meeting.*

Deborah Barno, Chairperson

