



# Rochester Hills

## Minutes - Draft

### Deer Management Advisory Committee

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James Kubicina and James Nachtman  
Council Members: Theresa Mungoli and David Walker  
Youth Representatives: Eliza Pizzuti*

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Thursday, May 22, 2025

6:00 PM

1000 Rochester Hills Drive

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## CALL TO ORDER

*Chairperson Barno called the Deer management Advisory Committee Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.*

## ROLL CALL

**Present** 7 - Deborah Barno, Werner Richard Braun III, Sean Donovan, Benjamin Galliway, Scott Hunter, James Kubicina and James Nachtman

*Non-voting members present: Matt Einheuser, Lauren Oxlade, Theresa Mungoli and David Walker*

*Non-voting members absent: Ken Elwert, Eliza Pizzuti*

*Member Ken Elwert provided prior notice that he would be unable to attend and asked to be excused.*

*Others present: None*

## PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[2025-0224](#) Approval of Minutes - Regular Meeting - May 29, 2024

**Attachments:** [DMAC 05-29-24 Minutes Draft.pdf](#)  
[DMAC 05-29-24 Minutes Master.pdf](#)

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

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

## DISCUSSION ITEMS

### 2025-0229 Review 2024 DMAC Recommendations

**Attachments:** [2024-2025 Recommendations.pdf](#)

*Chairperson Barno discussed the 2024 DMAC recommendations. The committee reviewed the status of their 2024 recommendations, which included continued outreach efforts, brochures in the city's water bills, deer gardening seminar, aerial deer counts, message boards and outreach to high school students. All recommendations were accomplished.*

### 2025-0230 Review 2024 Deer Data and Report

**Attachments:** [2024-2025 Summary Report.pdf](#)

*Einheuser discussed the 2024/2025 deer data. He began by introducing Lauren Oxlade as the City's new Naturalist and Taylor Meyerhoff, the City's new interpreter. He then went over the DVC's reported in 2024, which was 109, and indicated that about half of these occurred in October and November. Frequent times for crashes occur are around 7 am and 7 pm.*

*Einheuser informed members that the aerial survey done on January 17th counted 182 deer, which is an increase from the previous year. This upward trend is expected as the deer population recovers from the EHD outbreak in 2021. The committee also reviewed deer-related calls and discussion ensued.*

*Einheuser mentioned the Southeast Michigan Urban Deer Management Coalition, which includes surrounding cities like Farmington and Southfield. These cities are exploring options such as a deer cull and limited small archery hunts. Einheuser explained that he attends meetings as a resource to them and to keep up on what other communities are experiencing and trying to handle deer. Discussion ensued.*

## NEW BUSINESS

#### 2025-2026 DMAC Recommendations

*Chairperson Barno discussed recommendations for 2025/2026. After reviewing the data, the committee passed several motions for future recommendations:*

- **Deer Gardening Seminar:** *To be held every other year due to decreasing attendance, with an effort to collaborate with Bordine's in the off-years.*
- **Interchangeable Signs:** *To continue using the six interchangeable signs in high-DVC areas.*
- **Aerial Counts:** *To continue with the aerial deer count.*
- **Brochures:** *To resume including deer brochures in water bills in 2026, maintaining the every-other-year schedule.*
- **High School Outreach:** *To continue the program aimed at getting information to high school students through their school newsletter.*

*The committee also brought up the rise of tick-borne illnesses like Lyme disease and the importance of public education. Discussion ensued.*

#### **NEXT MEETING DATE**

To be determined

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

*There being no further business to discuss, Chairperson Barno adjourned the meeting at 6:50 p.m.*

*Minutes prepared by Melissa Zaborski.*

*Minutes were approved as presented/amended at the \_\_\_\_\_ 2026 Regular Deer management Advisory Committee Meeting.*

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*Deborah Barno, Chairperson*