

**VILLAGE OF RIVER FOREST
DEER MANAGEMENT AD HOC COMMITTEE
Tuesday, June 16, 2020**

A regular meeting of the Village of River Forest Deer Management Ad Hoc Committee was held on Tuesday, June 16, 2020 at 7:30 p.m. in the Community Room of Village Hall, 400 Park Avenue – River Forest, IL.

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m. Upon roll call, the following persons were:

Present: Chairperson Tom Cargie, Laurie Gillard, Katharine Christmas, John Roeger, Cathleen Hughes (*left the meeting at 9:14*), Dan Hollenbach, Joel Lueking, Julie Armstrong, Dawn Mizgala, Marta Kozbur, Ingrid Liu, Annette Madden

Absent: John Flynn, Ron Lemar

Also Present: Management Analyst Sara Phyfer

2. APPROVAL OF ELECTRONIC PARTICIPATION

Management Analyst Phyfer stated that on Friday, June 12, 2020 Governor Pritzker signed a law which allows public bodies to conduct remote meetings under certain conditions, permanently amending the Open Meetings Act. She stated that going forward, approval of electronic participation is no longer necessary and that all votes must be roll call votes.

3. APPROVAL OF RULES FOR PUBLIC COMMENT BEFORE THE COMMITTEE

Ms. Hughes made a motion, seconded by Mr. Roeger, to approve the Rules for Public Comment.

Roll call:

Ayes: Chairperson Tom Cargie, Laurie Gillard, John Roeger, Cathleen Hughes, Dan Hollenbach, Joel Lueking, Julie Armstrong, Dawn Mizgala, Ingrid Liu

Absent: John Flynn, Ron Lemar

Nays: Annette Madden, Katharine Christmas, Marta Kozbur

Motion Passes.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mary Vanker, 1234 Monroe. Ms. Vanker commented about materials posted on the Village website from the Cook County Forest Preserves, and she urged the Committee members to listen to the January 13, 2020 Village Board of Trustees meeting.

Trustee Cargie stated the documents Ms. Vanker is referring to have been on the Village's website since January.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Lueking made a motion, seconded by Ms. Hughes, to approve the June 9, 2020 meeting minutes.

Ms. Gillard stated the meetings incorrectly reflect the meeting time as 7:00 instead of 7:30.

Roll call:

Ayes: Chairperson Tom Cargie, Laurie Gillard, John Roeger, Cathleen Hughes, Dan Hollenbach, Joel Lueking, Julie Armstrong, Dawn Mizgala, Ingrid Liu, Annette Madden, Katharine Christmas, Marta Kozbur

Absent: John Flynn, Ron Lemar

Nays: None

Motion Passes.

6. REPORTS FROM SUBCOMMITTEES

Chairperson Cargie clarified his previous statements about the intergovernmental agreement with the Forest Preserves. He stated there are some fixed costs but that there are also variable costs based on the number of deer involved, such as butchering the meat. The Committee reached a consensus to have the Communication Subcommittee meet and discuss how to lay out a Village webpage related to the Committee's activities.

7. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Continued Discussion and Consideration for Approval of the River Forest Deer Questionnaire

The Committee discussed the questionnaire at length. There was a consensus that Tim Preuss' suggestions limited the focus of the questionnaire too much to property damage. There was consensus to accept the objective in the Survey Subcommittee's draft.

The Committee discussed the merits of Question 3 ("How do you feel about deer?") on the Survey Subcommittee's draft.

Ms. Armstrong made a motion, seconded by Ms. Christmas to keep Question 3 in the questionnaire.

Roll call:

Ayes: Annette Madden, Ingrid Lui, Katharine Christmas, Laurie Gillard, Julie Armstrong, Marta Kozbur

Absent: John Flynn, Ron Lemar

Nays: Chairperson Tom Cargie, Dan Hollenbach, Joel Lueking, Dawn Mizgala, Cathleen Hughes, John Roeger

Motion Fails.

The Committee continued discussing the remaining questions and reached a consensus to add “harm to pets” to questions asking about deer concerns and to accept Tim Preuss’ Question 7, while rearranging the order of some questions to include it.

Mr. Hollenbach made a motion, seconded by Ms. Mizgala to substitute Tim Preuss’ question “How do you feel about the current numbers of deer in your neighborhood?” for the Committee’s Question 3 “How do you feel about deer?”

Roll call:

Ayes: Chairperson Tom Cargie, Laurie Gillard, John Roeger, Cathleen Hughes, Dan Hollenbach, Joel Lueking, Julie Armstrong, Dawn Mizgala, Annette Madden, Katharine Christmas

Absent: John Flynn, Ron Lemar

Nays: Ingrid Lui, Marta Kozbur

Motion Passes.

The Committee discussed the questions related to acceptable solutions to deer conflict management programs and committing public funds towards a culling program, and they ultimately reached a consensus to blend two questions together. The Committee reached a consensus to add the underlined portion to the question “What kind of deer conflict management program is acceptable to you (with use of public funds)?” and to remove the question “Do you believe the Village of River Forest should take action on resolving deer conflicts in the Village of River Forest?”

Trustee Cargie stated that next week the Committee would meet to consider for approval the final version of the questionnaire and to discuss communication options. He reminded the Committee they would be creating a post card to mail to all the households in the Village.

8. NEW BUSINESS

None.

9. NEXT MEETING

The Committee members came to a consensus to hold the next meeting on Tuesday, June 23 at 7:30 p.m.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Armstrong made a motion, seconded by Ms. Liu to adjourn the Deer Management Ad Hoc Committee meeting at 9:37 p.m.

Roll call:

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Ayes: Chairperson Tom Cargie, Laurie Gillard, Katharine Christmas, John Roeger,
Dan Hollenbach, Joel Lueking, Julie Armstrong, Dawn Mizgala, Marta Kozbur,
Ingrid Liu, Annette Madden

Absent: John Flynn, Cathleen Hughes, Ron Lemar

Nays: None

Motion Passes.

Sara Phyfer, Secretary