

**VILLAGE OF RIVER FOREST
DEER MANAGEMENT AD HOC COMMITTEE
Tuesday, June 23, 2020**

A regular meeting of the Village of River Forest Deer Management Ad Hoc Committee was held on Tuesday, June 23, 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, Dan Hollenbach, Joel Lueking, Julie Armstrong, Dawn Mizgala, Marta Kozbur, Ingrid Liu (*joined the meeting at 7:45, left the meeting at 8:30*), Annette Madden, John Flynn, Ron Lemar

Absent: None

Also Present: Management Analyst Sara Phyfer

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Gillard made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hollenbach, to approve the June 16, 2020 meeting minutes.

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, John Flynn, Ron Lemar

Absent: Ingrid Liu

Nays: None

Motion Passes.

4. REPORTS FROM SUBCOMMITTEES

Mr. Roeger stated that the Communications Subcommittee discussed the post card text and asked to include language that paper copies of the questionnaire are available for those who do not have computer access. The Committee discussed sharing that the questionnaire is available on social media as well, and Ms. Phyfer suggested Committee members could share the Village's Facebook and Instagram posts, which will utilize the language from the post card. Chairperson Cargie stated Committee members were also welcome to promote the questionnaire with their own text on social media.

5. OLD BUSINESS

a. Consideration for Approval of the River Forest Deer Questionnaire

The Committee continued discussing the questionnaire, and in terms of timing, members considered whether to extend the response deadline to August 31 to allow people more time to respond. There was concern about the August date allowing for enough time to collate responses and prepare a report by September 30. The Committee reached a consensus to set the questionnaire response deadline to August 31 and to request that the Village Board extend the Committee's report deadline to October 31.

There was Committee consensus to include *"the number of deer to be killed under this option would be limited by the number of deer that has to be approved by Illinois Department of Natural Resources based upon local need"* to the question regarding a deer conflict management program preference in order to clarify the "lethal option only" response.

Mr. Flynn stated his objection to the ordering of the responses in certain questions.

Management Analyst Phyfer explained some of the challenges of transferring certain questions into Survey Monkey, and the Committee ultimately reached a consensus to separate the responses regarding seasons from Questions 4 and 5 into its own question. There was consensus to also slightly modify the response options for other questions in order to make the questionnaire transferrable to the online survey tool.

Ms. Armstrong made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lueking, to approve the questionnaire as amended.

Roll call:

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

Absent: Ingrid Liu

Nays: Ron Lemar, John Flynn

Motion Passes.

6. NEW BUSINESS

a. Discussion and Consideration for Approval of the Questionnaire Communication Methods

Chairperson Cargie stated the only changes to the post card from the packet would be to change the post card deadline to August 31, 2020 and to include text to call Village Hall to obtain a paper copy.

Ms. Armstrong made a motion, seconded by Ms. Gillard, to approve the questionnaire post card as amended.

Roll call:

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

Absent: Ingrid Liu

Nays: None

Motion Passes.

7. NEXT MEETING

The Committee members came to a consensus to hold the next meeting on Monday, July 20 at 7:30 p.m.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Flynn made a motion, seconded by Mr. Roeger, to adjourn the Deer Management Ad Hoc Committee meeting at 8:41 p.m.

Roll call:

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

Absent: Ingrid Liu

Nays: None

Motion Passes.

Sara Phyfer, Secretary