



WILDWOOD

Meeting of the
BOARD OF PUBLIC SAFETY
Deer Management Subcommittee
Tuesday, July 02, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.

Wildwood City Hall Community Room
16860 Main Street

APPROVED

Committee Members in Attendance:

Marshal Dan McCune
Sgt Brad Wendling, St Louis County Police
Board Member Dave Williams

Also Present:

Rick Brown, Director of Public Works / City Engineer
Brendan Maher, Civil Engineer

I. ROLL CALL

A roll call was taken at 6:00 pm, with the above noted as present.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

No minutes had yet been recorded for this subcommittee.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

Council Member Crystal McCune reports that many residents in her ward are not opposed to hunting on HOA properties, but they are worried that a shot deer may end up in their yard, and that they will be forced to pay for its removal. She asks that the City review City of Ladue, Town and Country, and Chesterfield regulations and ordinances and look for applicable rules, the regulations and concepts that may help Wildwood manage deer.

IV. SCOPE OF PROBLEM

- A. Existing deer population/ Counts - Sgt. Wendling described the training and process of the deer counts for 2018.
- B. Deer/ Vehicle crashes - Sgt. Wendling described the crash report counts and what data is included.

V. REVIEW OF EXISTING HUNTING ORDINANCES

- A. There was discussion of educating the public on current ordinances and regulations.
- B. There was discussion about Ladue and Chesterfield allowing residents to pool their properties to meet a two or three-acre land size requirement for hunting. Also, there was discussion of asking HOA Trustees about hunting on common grounds.

VI. REVIEW OF MDC RECOMMENDATIONS

- A. Members wanted to more thoroughly study said regulations in relation to creating plans for City deer herd management.

- B. The Committee had questions about requesting that Rockwoods Reservation/Range, Greensfelder County Park, and Babler State Park to increase the numbers of hunters for their managed deer hunt, and/ or increase the length of the hunting season.
- C. The Marshal brought up a question as to whether Prop P funds could be used to hire a sharp-shooter service like White Buffalo.
- D. Sgt. Wendling spoke about management in the City of Ellisville, where police are used to reduce the deer population, and to inventory the deer at various locations. MDC determines hunting locations and how many deer should be taken, and the police are the sharpshooters. The Marshal asked about cost for this method and if Sgt. Wendling can invite an officer from Ellisville to speak with the Committee about this process.

VII. DEVELOPMENT OF PLAN OBJECTIVES: The Committee determined that more research was required to discuss plan development.

- A. Community Education - Educate residents on living with deer and how to employ damage control techniques
- B. Provide Tools – Create and provide additional tools to residents when they decide the deer are problematic
- C. Population Reduction – Take steps to reduce the deer population community-wide.
- D. Other?

VIII. FUTURE MEETING DATES

Future Meetings will be held the 4th Tuesday of every month and the next meeting will be on July 30, 2019.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Marshal Dan McCune to adjourn, this was seconded by Dave Williams. All were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 7:11pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michelle Scherer
Administrative Assistant