



**Meeting Minutes of the
BOARD OF PUBLIC SAFETY
Deer Management Subcommittee
Thursday, February 18, 2021**

Meeting via Zoom

APPROVED

Committee Members in Attendance:

Marshal Scott Collier
Board Member Jeff Baker
Sgt. Brad Wendling, St Louis County Police

Also Present:

Rick Brown, Director of Public Works / City Engineer
Tim Donze (resident panelist)

I. ROLL CALL

A roll call was taken at 6:30 pm, with the above noted as present.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Marshal Scott Collier made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 5th 2020 Meeting. There was no objection.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

A. None

IV. DEER DISTANCE SAMPLING POPULATION STUDY

A. Sgt Wendling explained that results of the Deer Sampling Study were not yet completed and that they should be completed within one to two weeks.

V. DISCUSSION ON DRAFT DEER MANAGEMENT PLAN

A. Possible Proposed Ordinance Changes

a. Consideration to Allow for Combined Parcels

i. Sgt. Wendling shared a document of Wildlife Feeding and Deer Regulations that includes a table of comparison for several St. Louis

municipalities. Comparisons were discussed. It was found that all neighboring municipalities to Wildwood allow for combining of parcels with an exception of Town and Country.

- ii. Discussion followed as to whether the City of Wildwood will allow residents to combine properties, and how that will be managed by residents, law enforcement, and hunters.
- iii. Sgt. Wendling recommended staying with a 3-acre combined minimum parcel size as it is already in the code. He also suggested not imposing a minimum parcel size restriction in the combination, so that areas that are heavily affected will not be excluded. He strongly suggested an avenue be created for site safety evaluation and approval by law enforcement. Details of site evaluation, insurance, and allowing crossbows were discussed.

b. No Feed Ordinance

There were no objections to a No Feed Ordinance. Current Missouri Department of Conservation no feed policies, and enforcement were discussed.

B. Consideration of a plan to encourage owners of large parcels to adopt deer population control measures. Rick Brown noted that owners of large parcels could be alerted as to their options for deer management via post card or presentation. Resident panelist, Tim Donze, mentioned a vetted and insured not-for-profit organization that hunts properties in the St. Louis area.

C. Consideration of organized hunts on city-owned properties.

Sgt Wendling recommended for City organized hunts to be modeled after those managed by Missouri Department of Conservation. Specific areas, rules, and Department of Conservation involvement were discussed. There was a broader discussion about how the City might encourage hunting on large properties, year round agricultural hunting permits, ask for extra tags or an additional doe season.

VII. NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting date will be determined when results for the 2020 Deer Sampling Study have been completed.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Marshal Scott Collier to adjourn, with no objections. All were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 7:48 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Michelle Scherer
Administrative Assistant