



WILDWOOD

Meeting Minutes of the BOARD OF PUBLIC SAFETY

June 9, 2021

Via Zoom

16860 Main Street

APPROVED

Committee Members in Attendance:

Marshal Scott Collier

Council Member Liaison Dave Bertolino

Board Member Jeff Baker

Board Member Vince Loyal

Absent:

Board Member Denny Welker

Also Present:

Rick Brown, Director of Public Works

Police Liaison Captain James Mundel, St. Louis County Police

Deputy Chief John Bradley, Metro West Fire District

I. ROLL CALL

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

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Marshal Scott Collier made a motion to approve the minutes from the April meeting. With no objections from the Board, the minutes were approved.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

A. None

IV. FOR INFORMATION

A. No Items

V. OLD BUSINESS

A. Review of Draft Deer Management Plan

1. Marshall Scott Collier thanked various members and staff for their work on the Deer Management Plan.
2. Director of Public Works, Rick Brown described the geographics of the police deer population count and summarized totals. The average for all 6 regions is 71.5.
3. Sgt. Brad Wendling mentioned that higher densities may exist in certain areas, so that when it comes to management issues, areas where there are a greater number of vehicle crashes may be of focus. He reminded the group to have many options for management to address issues in different areas of the City.
4. Rick Brown described the process of the Plan over the past several months, and that it culminated in a meeting with Erin Shank, Biologist with the Department of Conservation, wherein the group determined that 40 is a good goal for number of deer per square mile.
5. Board Member Dave Bertolino praised the Plan and commented that it puts the onus on the residents of the city, for increasing archery hunting throughout the city.
6. Marshal Scott Collier summarized the final plan and that it will require continued evaluation over time. Areas of the City and densities of deer, hunting restrictions, promotion of hunting, and areas that will not allow for hunting, were discussed. A new assessment may be needed in two years to check progress. Education will be integral to promote archery hunting.
7. Board Member Vince Loyal made a motion to approve the Plan and send it to the Admin Public Works Committee. Board Member Jeff Baker seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion passed.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Proposal for Installation of Security Cameras at Community Park

1. Captain Mundel suggested that security cameras at Community Park could deter vandalism and criminal activity. Community Park is very popular and located near two major roadways. If an incident were to happen with a child, the police could use footage as an investigation tool.
2. Funding sources were discussed, and Prop P funds are available for the project. The video system would link into the current system in place at City Hall, which has proven to be a high-quality system.
3. Board Member Vince Loyal put forth a motion to support the proposal for cameras at Community Park. Board Member Jeff Baker seconded the motion. All members voted in favor, and the motion passed.

IX. MISCELLANEOUS

A. Planning phases of new Missouri Department of Conservation recreation area in Wildwood

1. Last week, City staff and police met with the Missouri Department of Conservation, and a local rock-climbing organization at a Rockwoods Reservation area on Christie

Road and Highway 109. They discussed safety concerns regarding traffic of the location, as well as safety of those recreating there. Basic emergency details of the site were discussed by local authorities.

X. ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn was made and with no objections, the meeting adjourned at 7:20 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michelle Scherer
Administrative Assistant for Public Works