

Natural Resource Commission Minutes

March 17, 2016

7:00 PM

Call to Order:

Chair Bob Larson called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

Roll Call:

Present: Commissioners Bob Larson, David White, Kate Winsor and City Council Liaison Marty Long.

Absent: Commissioners Darrell Turnock, John Murphy and NOHOA Liaison Diane Gorder.

Staff: City Administrator Mike Robertson and Administrative Assistant Kathy Laur

Approval of Agenda:

Commissioner Winsor moved to approve the agenda. Councilmember Long seconded.

Motion approved unanimously.

Approval of Minutes:

Commissioner White moved to approve the February 18, 2016 minutes. Commissioner Winsor seconded. Motion approved unanimously.

VLAWMO Watershed Management Plan-Comments:

Administrator Robertson said that comments on the Plan are due 5 days after the next NRC meeting. Commissioners agreed that they will look at the Plan individually and send comments to Robertson. Official comments will be on the next agenda for approval by the NRC.

Water Resources Best Practices:

Commissioner White updated the NRC on the actions of the Tick Borne Disease Task Force. Commissioners expressed concern about how the deer tick pesticide permethrin will impact water, especially wetlands. They suggested that the Tick Task Force talk to a toxicologist and do extensive research before making a recommendation. Commissioners asked Administrator Robertson and Chair Larson to contact the Tick Task Force with their concerns.

Other Business:

Commissioner Winsor stated that the National Wildlife Preservation has programs on certifying your community as a wildlife habitat. She will look into this.

Mayor Egelston and NOHOA Board President Bill McNee are talking about doing a joint effort to remove brush piles throughout the community. Administrator Robertson said that this was just in the discussion stages but what was discussed was to see if several firms would agree to a reduced cost in exchange for a designated one day pickup. Property owners would pay the cost if they had brush picked up.

Deer Management: Robertson noted that the traps have been pulled out now that the snow is gone. USDA is still sharp shooting until March 31, 2016. The last couple of times they have been out they only got two deer.

NOHOA Executive Director Kimberly Murray attended the NRC meeting for Diane Gorder who was absent. NOHOA supports the efforts of the Tick Task Force in accordance with the PowerPoint presentation that was given at the Task Force meeting on March 15.

Commissioner Winsor will have several articles for the North Oaks News in the next two months. One article on common wetland wildlife species and one on pollinators.

Administrative Assistant Laur noted that the Garden Club Plant Sale is May 7, 2016 and the Community Fair is June 4, 2016.

Adjournment:

Commissioner White made a motion to adjourn, Councilmember Long seconded. The motion was approved unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:56 pm.

Next Meeting: April 21, 2016.