

Natural Resources Commission Minutes
October 19, 2017
7:00 P.M.

Call to Order:

Acting Chair Winsor called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call:

Present: Acting Chair Kate Winsor, Commissioners David White, Dan McDermott and NOHOA Liaison Diane Gorder.

Staff: City Administrator Mike Robertson and Recording Secretary Gretchen Needham.

Absent: Chair Bob Larson, Commissioner John Murphy and Council Liaison Marty Long.

Approval of Agenda:

Commissioner White moved to approve the agenda. Commissioner McDermott seconded. Motion approved unanimously.

Approval of Minutes:

Commissioner McDermott moved to approve the September 2017 minutes. Commissioner White seconded. Motion approved unanimously.

Conservation Award Committee Report

Administrator Robertson will incorporate any changes from the Commissioners as they submit them. This item will be on the agenda for the November 9 City Council Meeting.

Commissioner's asked that Robertson give the ASC Chair a copy of the proposed awards as some of these categories would overlap the ASC's responsibilities.

Commissioner Winsor moved to forward the Conservation Awards to the City Council for approval. Commissioner White seconded. Motion approved unanimously.

Tick Task Force

Commissioner White presented minutes from the October 17 TTF meeting, where Commissioner White and Chair Brooke Moore were in attendance. Data from the Minnesota Department of Health shows the incidence of reported Lyme Disease is unchanged from 2016 but remains higher than neighboring communities. Commissioner White pointed out a discrepancy between the numbers of Lyme cases reported through the 2016 TTF survey versus the amount reported to the Department of Health. Chair Moore will look into this and report back to the TTF and NRC.

Administrator Robertson reports 35% more deer were removed from North Oaks last year, and the City hopes to do as well or better this year.

TTF plans to meet next on January 16, 2018.

Kate Winsor's Report

Weed of the month for November is baby's breath; an article has been submitted to the North Oaks News.

Commissioner Winsor asked that nature photos be sent to her for the NRC's Facebook page.

City Update

City Administrator Robertson reviewed the terms for NRC Commissioners. He asked Commissioners White and Larson to let him know if they want to be reappointed.

Robertson says removing turkeys along with deer would cost North Oaks \$125 per bird. The Council has not decided whether to include turkeys in the removal process.

The County will be adding a left-turn lane at the Pleasant Lake Road exit onto 96 next year.

NOHOA and NEST Update

Commissioner Gorder reports that a buckthorn overspray will be done in Mary Hill Park next week.

The Capstone Project is under way. The students have had a tour and are working to compile their data.

Adjournment:

Commissioner White made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner McDermott seconded. The motion was approved unanimously. The meeting ended at 7:45 p.m.

Next Meeting: November 16, 2017