

Natural Resources Commission Minutes
November 15, 2018
7:00 P.M.

Call to Order:

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

Roll Call:

Present: Chair Bob Larson, Vice Chair Kate Winsor, Commissioners Dan McDermott, David White, Damien Lepoutre, City Council Liaison Mayor Gregg Nelson, and NOHOA Liaison Diane Gorder.

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

Approval of Agenda:

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

Approval of Minutes:

Liaison Gorder moved to approve the October 18, 2018 minutes. Commissioner McDermott seconded. Motion approved unanimously.

Tick Task Force Report

Chair Larson reported that the Tick Task Force (TTF) will be sending out a survey in February 2019. Brooke Moore plans to write an article for the March issue of the North Oaks News about emerging tick-borne diseases. The next TTF meeting will be January 15.

Kate Winsor's Report

An article about the second Conservation Award winners will be in the December issue of the North Oaks News. She is working with the City to merge the NRC Facebook page with theirs.

City Update—Administrator Robertson

- Mayor Gregg Nelson and City Council Members Kara Ries and Katy Ross election results' were approved in official canvassing tonight.
- The Polco Survey Tool has been approved by City Council, and the TTF survey may be one of the first surveys compiled using this tool.
- The North Oaks Company will be submitting a plan to the Planning Commission about three parcels of undeveloped land off Centerville Road.
- Steve McComas will be completing a second phase of a Pleasant Lake study soon.

NOHOA/NEST Update

- Liaison Gorder reported that NOHOA will be finalizing the purchase of the gatehouse property.

- Nick Voss and Dawn Tanner of the Vadnais Lake Area Water Management Organization (VLAWMO) would like to put up cameras in the conservation area for collecting data about wildlife. Camouflaged cameras will be posted off of the trail system and will be heat activated.
- Signs explaining how to work the picture posts at Charley Lake and Deep Lake Channels will be posted.

Other Business

Administrator Robertson reported that deer trapping will start after there is snow on the ground. Everyone seems to believe that the amount of deer is lower than in the past.

Adjournment:

Commissioner Winsor made a motion to adjourn. Mayor Nelson seconded. The motion was approved unanimously. The meeting ended at 7:29 p.m.

Next Meeting: December 20, 2018