

## **Natural Resources Commission Minutes**

**February 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 Damien Lepoutre and John Murphy, NOHOA Liaison Diane Gorder, and City Council Liaison Gregg Nelson. Commissioners Dan McDermott and David White were present via telephone.

Staff: Recording Secretary Gretchen Needham and City Administrator Mike Robertson

### **Approval of Agenda:**

**Vice Chair Winsor moved to approve the agenda. City Council Liaison Nelson seconded.**

**Motion approved unanimously.**

### **Approval of Minutes:**

**Vice Chair Winsor moved to approve the January 2018 minutes. NOHOA Liaison Gorder seconded. Motion approved unanimously.**

### **Tick Task Force Report**

The Tick Survey is making its rounds. It is available on multiple websites and will be posted in the North Oaks News. The next Tick Task Force meeting will be April 17th.

### **Kate Winsor's Report**

An article about the Conservation Award program highlighting Prairie Conservation will appear in the March issue of the North Oaks News. She noted they'd received their first Conservation Award application. Administrator Robertson said he had told the applicant that the NRC would be looking at his property in the spring.

### **City Update**

- Administrator Robertson said that trappers report hardly any deer have been trapped and the shooters say their baits are not being taken. It seems there are very few deer around and that they are finding enough food.
- Six salt cups have been taken from the City.
- Future development near Black Lake will include additional stormwater measures to protect Black Lake.
- The City and NOHOA will write articles for publication in the North Oaks News to address illegal trails in the Conservation Area.
- The City's Comprehensive Plan will go through additional updates; any specific comments from the NRC are welcome and useful in this process.

- Deputy Burrell gave a Crime Statistic Report at the previous City Council meeting. 1,648 case numbers were generated in 2017 in North Oaks, which is a decrease from 1,976 in 2016. Robertson attributed the decrease primarily to Burrell's presence.

**NOHOA/NEST Update**

- NOHOA Liaison Gorder reported that the Capstone Project will likely continue its work.
- Some Ash trees around Pleasant Lake will be injected for the second time in spring.
- Possible spots in North Oaks for pollinator habitats will be explored this spring.
- The North Oaks Garden Club is holding a workshop to discuss invasive species on Feb. 20 at 7 p.m., 100 Village Center Drive.

**Adjournment:**

**Council Liaison Nelson made a motion to adjourn. Vice Chair Winsor seconded. The motion was approved unanimously. The meeting ended at 7:40 p.m.**

**Next Meeting: March 15, 2018**