

## **Natural Resources Commission Minutes**

**March 15, 2018**

**7:00 P.M.**

### **Call to Order:**

Chair Bob Larson called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

### **Roll Call:**

Present: Chair Bob Larson, Commissioners Dan McDermott, David White, Damien LePoutre, Jamie Pfuhl, John Murphy (by phone), NOHOA Liaison Mikeya Griffin, and City Council Liaison Gregg Nelson.

Staff: City Administrator Mike Robertson, Recording Secretary Gretchen Needham

Absent: Vice Chair Kate Winsor

### **Approval of Agenda:**

**City Council Liaison Nelson moved to approve the agenda. Commissioner White seconded. Motion approved unanimously.**

### **Approval of Minutes:**

**Commissioner White moved to approve the February 2018 minutes. Commissioner McDermott seconded. Motion approved unanimously.**

### **Discussion of Pleasant Lake Weeds**

Council Liaison Nelson discussed a plan for removing weeds from Pleasant Lake. There will be a delineation survey performed in May which would guide the removal efforts for this year.

Administrator Robertson stated that a contractor to remove weeds was booked for the third week in June. There will be another delineation survey in August to measure the effectiveness of the removal. Council Liaison Nelson will head up this project going forward. Commissioners discussed the possibility of establishing a plan to govern cleaning the lake. NOHOA Liaison Griffin offered a collaboration between the Homeowner's Association and the City to combat this challenge.

### **Tick Task Force Report**

Commissioner White said the Tick Survey is collecting responses. It is available on multiple websites and has been posted in the North Oaks News.

### **Kate Winsor's Report (given by Chair Larson)**

- There will be an online sign-up created for volunteering at events, such as the Garden Club Plant Sale in May.
- The next article about the Conservation Awards has been submitted to the North Oaks News.

**City Update - Administrator Robertson**

- Deer traps have been removed, except for the ones frozen to the ground. The total amount of deer taken so far is 41, 17 by shooting.
- Copies of the Comprehensive Plan have been sent to the NRC Commissioners for their comments and feedback.

**NEST Update - Chair Larson**

- The University of Minnesota students continue to work on the Capstone Project. They meet again on March 26th.

**NOHOA Update - NOHOA Liaison Griffin**

- Liaison Griffin and NOHOA are working on creating a survey for the community about parks and recreation use and interests.

**Other Business**

Chair Larson mentioned that a watering ban is being considered for areas 5 miles around White Bear Lake, which would include the City of North Oaks. Administrator Robertson said the ban as presently proposed would only effect municipal water customers on the east side of North Oaks. He noted that the judge's decision was under appeal by the DNR and that the proposed watering ban was on hold as the affected cities sought greater clarity on what was and was not impacted. He discussed how different cities have taken actions to reduce water use.

**Adjournment:**

**Liaison Nelson made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner White seconded. The motion was approved unanimously. The meeting ended at 8:05 p.m.**

**Next Meeting: April 19, 2018**