

## **Natural Resources Commission Minutes**

**April 19, 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, Jamie Pfuhl, Damien Lepoutre, NOHOA Liaison Diane Gorder, and City Council Liaison Gregg Nelson.

Staff: City Administrator Mike Robertson and Recording Secretary Gretchen Needham

### **Approval of Agenda:**

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

### **Approval of Minutes:**

**Commissioner Pfuhl moved to approve the March 2018 minutes. Commissioner White seconded. Motion approved unanimously.**

### **Discussion of Pleasant Lake Capstone Study**

Chair Larson said the Capstone project is currently on hold due to grant money not being available.

### **Update on White Bear Lake Court Orders**

Administrator Robertson reported that there is an upcoming court date to define what type of water use restrictions would need to be enforced. Any such restrictions would affect those developments on the east side of North Oaks that are on the White Bear Town water system.

### **Tick Task Force Report**

Commissioner White reported that the Tick Task Force (TTF) met on April 17 to discuss the results of the recent survey. Responses to the survey were up from the previous year and the survey results show less tick-borne disease than in the previous year.

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

An article about the Conservation Award program highlighting invasive species will appear in the May issue of the North Oaks News.

### **City Update—Administrator Robertson**

- A company is applying for a permit to super-oxygenate the water in Pleasant Lake in an effort to reduce zebra mussels.
- At present, 14 tickets have been issued for overweight vehicles during road restrictions.

**NOHOA/NEST Update—Liaison Gorder**

- Mary Hill Park may not be dry enough for a burn in the spring; time will tell.
- Pleasant Lake's shoreline will be evaluated for 5- and 10-year plans for projects.
- Beetles will be sent in May to be dispersed on purple loosestrife in order to reduce that invasive species.
- Goats (the Munch Bunch) are being considered for reducing buckthorn around Deep and Pleasant Lakes.

**Other Business**

John Murphy has resigned from the Natural Resources Commission due to family health issues.

**Adjournment:**

**Liaison Gorder made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner McDermott seconded. The motion was approved unanimously. The meeting ended at 8:04 p.m.**

**Next Meeting: May 17, 2018**