

Natural Resource Commission Minutes

May 18, 2017

7:00 PM

Call to Order:

Chair Larson called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Roll Call:

Present: Chair Bob Larson and Commissioners David White, Dan McDermott and John Murphy.
City Council Liaison Marty Long and NOHOA Liaison Diane Gorder.

Absent: Commissioner Kate Winsor

Staff: Administrative Clerk Kathy Laur

Approval of Agenda:

Commissioner Murphy moved to approve the agenda. Commissioner White seconded.

Motion approved unanimously.

Approval of Minutes:

Commissioner Murphy moved to approve the April 20, 2017 minutes. Commissioner White seconded. Motion approved unanimously.

Conservation Award Committee Report

Chair Larson reported that five of the eight categories are complete. He wants to stay flexible especially this being the first award. There was a discussion on how do we want to promote the award. The NRC and City will use every forum to promote – websites, Facebook, email blast, North Oaks News and social clubs. An award can be given in different categories.

Tick Task Force Report

Commissioner White reported that there is an additional disease coming from ticks called Powassan Virus. The state of Minnesota has 25 cases. This can lead to meningitis. Treatment hasn't been figured out yet.

Administrator Robertson stated that MPR was doing some general research on Lyme disease and came across the Tick Task Force. They called him and he gave them Dr. Brooke Moore's contact information.

The Community Fair is coming up and the NRC and the Tick Task Force will be there handing out information and the NRC has 130 tree saplings left to hand out.

City Survey Questions

Administrator Robertson reported that the City Council is looking at doing a survey. They asked that the NRC review a list of sample questions. Robertson asked that they let him know by June 1st which questions they believe are relevant to the North Oaks community. Also, if there's any topics not on the list of questions they think should be there they should share those with him.

City Update

Robertson noted that brush pickup is Friday, May 19. More households have signed up this year than last year. Jersey Mike's Sub Shop has opened in the Village Center.

NOHOA Update

NOHOA Liaison Gorder reported that on Tuesday, May 30, at 9:00 am there will be a tour of NOHOA properties with Janet Jarnefeld from the Minnesota Mosquito Control District with the intent of reducing tick habitat. Interested people should meet in the NOHOA office. Dr. Brooke Moore of the Tick Task Force will be joining the group. Leaders of the sub-associations throughout North Oaks will be invited to meet with Janet.

Other Business:**Adjournment:**

Councilmember Long made a motion to adjourn, Commissioner Murphy seconded. The motion was approved unanimously. The meeting ended at 8:06pm.

Next Meeting: June 15, 2017