

**Natural Resources Commission Minutes**  
**September 20, 2018**  
**7:00 P.M.**

**Call to Order:**

Chair Bob Larson called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

**Roll Call:**

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

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

NOHOA Liaison Diane Gorder was absent.

Administrator Robertson reported that Jamie Pfuhl has resigned from the Natural Resources Commission.

**Approval of Agenda:**

**With the addition of an item to discuss grants, Commissioner Winsor moved to approve the agenda. Mayor Nelson seconded. Motion approved unanimously.**

**Approval of Minutes:**

**Commissioner Winsor moved to approve the August 2018 minutes. Commissioner McDermott seconded. Motion approved unanimously.**

**Update on Commissioner Terms**

Administrator Robertson stated that Kate Winsor's term is up at the end of this year; Commissioner McDermott's term is up in 2019, and the rest of the Commissioners' terms expire at the end of 2020. Mayor Nelson said he thought Kate Winsor's appointment should be permanent. All agreed.

**Tick Task Force Report**

Commissioner White reported that the Tick Task Force (TTF) will now be meeting four times a year. Commissioner McDermott shared that the CDC believes it only captures approximately 10% of Lyme Disease cases.

**Kate Winsor's Report**

An article about stringy pondweed will appear in the October issue of the North Oaks News.

**City Update**

- Mayor Nelson said he thought that Farm Fest had gone very well. Chair Larson said it was a very good idea that Commissioner Winsor brought temporary tattoos for the kids as it brought families over to their table. Commissioners discussed what other give-a-ways could be used to attract people in the future.

- Robertson said the lake weed removal went very well, and the contractor will be contacted for similar work next year. When he receives Steve McComas's follow up report he will send it to the Commission.
- "No Parking" signs are working well to deter cars from parking illegally at the oxygenation plant off East Pleasant Lake Road, at Pleasant Lake Beach, near Charley Lake Canal and where the pipe enters Charley Lake from the Mississippi.
- The Recycling Committee is discussing composting and plastic waste.
- The recycling crews continue to struggle with plastic bags and unbroken cardboard boxes (and lots of other nonrecyclable items) put into recycling carts.
- The Comp Plan will be near completion soon.
- Deer traps will be put up in November.

#### **Attack of the Wild Cucumber**

Wild cucumber has been abundant this year. Chemical applications would affect the tree it is attached to, so it's best to pull it or cut the vine close to the ground. It's a native plant and will not harm the trees or bushes it's attached to.

#### **NOHOA/NEST Update**

Liaison Gorder was not present, so a NEST update will be made at next month's meeting.

#### **Other Business**

**Commissioner Winsor made a motion to recommend approval of David & Vicki Winter of 39 Island Road for a Conservation Award. Chair Larson seconded. Motion approved unanimously.**

#### **Adjournment:**

**Commissioner Winsor made a motion to adjourn. Mayor Nelson seconded. The motion was approved unanimously. The meeting ended at 7:53 p.m.**

**Next Meeting: October 18, 2018**