



WILDWOOD

Meeting of the
BOARD OF PUBLIC SAFETY
Deer Management Subcommittee
Tuesday, August 27, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.
WILDWOOD CITY HALL
City Hall - Second Floor East End Conference
Area
16860 Main Street

1. Roll Call
2. Approval Of Minutes (July 3, 2019 Meeting)

Documents:

[II. DEER MANAGEMENT SUBCOMMITTEE MINUTES 7.30.2019.PDF](#)

3. Public Comment
4. Deer Management Program Charter

Documents:

[IV. DEER MGMT PROGRAM - CHARTER.PDF](#)

5. Potential Capture And Cull Program

Documents:

[V. POTENTIAL CAPTURE AND CULL PROGRAM.PDF](#)

6. Misc.
7. Next Meeting Date: TBD
8. Adjournment

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as May Be Presented at the Meeting and Determined to Be Appropriate for Discussion at That Time.

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Tuesday, July 30, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.

Wildwood City Hall Community Room
16860 Main Street
DRAFT

Committee Members in Attendance:

Marshal Dan McCune
Sgt Brad Wendling, St Louis County Police
Board Member Dave Williams
Captain James Mundel

Also Present:

Rick Brown, Director of Public Works / City Engineer
Brendan Maher, Civil Engineer

I. ROLL CALL

A roll call was taken at 6:00 pm, with the above noted as present.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Marshal Dan McCune made a motion to approve minutes from the July 3rd meeting. Sgt Wendling seconded the motion. All voted aye.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

A. Jerry Dodwell from Timber Ridge Estates expressed that there are too many deer. He often has to wait for the herd to cross the street while driving, they destroy landscaping, and there are too many deer strikes. He suggests an open hunting season on deer with archery methods year-round. Thinning the herd helps to eliminate chronic waste disease, and helps the herd stay healthy. He believes that we need to manage the herd in Wildwood, it's a safety issue.

B. Mary Orf, Cindy Hefling, Dolores Boeges, all from Timber Ridge Estates stressed the importance of managing the deer population due to oversized herds that won't leave their yard, deer in the streets, the deer themselves are covered in ticks, tumors, and look unhealthy.

C. A Wildwood resident couple (no comment card) stated that they would like the deer population to be controlled in humane ways including contraception. They also stated that a herd of 20 deer come through their yard every night. They carry ticks and both have tick borne diseases. They would like the city to control the tick population by feeding the deer tick control medication from feeding posts. They also recommend Striderlite reflectors along the roadways to keep the deer out of the road.

IV. Review of 2018 Annual Vehicle Crash Analysis – Deer Strike Analysis

A. Board Member Dave Williams asked the police department for a clearer map of the deer strike density areas so that street names could be read more easily.

V. Review of Other Municipal Ordinances Regarding Deer Hunting

A. Town & Country, Ellisville, Chesterfield, Ballwin, Manchester and Ladue

1. Eight municipalities in St Louis County were reviewed and many regulations seem to be based on the same original ordinance.

2. Town and Country is the only one that does not allow archery hunting by the public; but has only a sharpshooter contractor program for deer management.

C. Six of the eight allow hunting on less than three acres

D. Deer retrieval was under discussion, including the use of traceable arrows, labeled arrows, and tools to report hunting numbers and or participants to local law enforcement. A web-based survey tool could be used for this.

E. Shotgun and muzzle loader can be shot east of 109, on tracts bigger than 3 acres.

VI. Possible Use of Prop P Funds for Deer Management

A. This was brought to the City Attorney. He stated that from a legal standpoint yes, but the political side is a concern.

B. Captain Mundel stated that there needs to be a concrete plan in order to use any Prop P funds.

C. Prop P funds are increasingly less available as projects are earmarked.

D. The Department of Public Works stated that the funding source could be the general fund. Feedback from the committee regarding the budget would be valuable.

VII. Use of Traceable Arrows for Bow Hunting

A. The Board agreed that asking a hunter to use a GPS based arrow is too expensive and not realistic

B. A labeled arrow, with an MDC hunter number on the fletching is acceptable.

VIII. Resident Surveys/Input

A. Captain Mundel wants resident input when developing policy. This could be in the form of a mailer or email survey, and education about why there is an issue.

B. Police Department planning and analysis would assist.

C. The Committee discussed that education is the most important activity and that surveying people by web mail or print is important.

D. The Department of Public Works talked about upgrading information on the website, social media, and to use the City's media firm.

C. The Committee discussed informing the public of the following by this hunting season.

1. Reminding the public of what is already allowed for archery season and rifle by Wildwood Ordinance.

2. Length of season.

3. Educate about deer health and over population of herd, as well as deer strikes.

IX. Next Meeting Date: TBD

IX. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Marshal Dan McCune to adjourn, this was seconded by Sgt. Wendling. All were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 7:11pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michelle Scherer
Administrative Assistant



City of Wildwood

Board of Public Safety

Deer Management Subcommittee

Program Charter

Introduction

The City of Wildwood has too many deer per square mile and a comprehensive Deer Management Program is needed in order to keep animal populations under control. Having too many deer is bad for residents and it is even worse for the animals. This document will set forth the City's Deer Management program including related characteristics and features.

Mission Statement

Using data obtained from our partner organizations along with industry best practices, the Deer Management Subcommittee (DMS) will work to reduce the number of deer within the City of Wildwood to an acceptable number of animals per square mile as determined on an annual basis by the Missouri Department of Conservation.

Methodology

The Deer Management Program (DMP) will have three primary components: Education, Partnerships and a Data Driven approach. No single component is more important than any of the others, rather, it is their interdependency to each other that will lead to overall program success.

Education

Everyone who has an interest in the DMP will have the ability to learn about the problem and how the City intends to manage it. Information will be made available via the City's website, discussion groups at City Hall, meetings for Homeowner Associations (HOAs) and other similar activities as from time to time arranged by the DMS.

Partnerships

A successful DMP will be dependent upon having good partnerships and the cooperation of: city residents, law enforcement, state agencies and the city of Wildwood with all partners working towards the same objective as defined above.

Data Driven Approach

The DMP will be a multi-year undertaking. Goals for each year, the effectiveness of each year and target numbers for future years will all be identified and studied with data that is collected in a consistent manner from one year to the next. This will ensure that a reliable assessment of overall DMP effectiveness can be made from one year to the next as well as throughout the life of the DMP.



Memorandum

To: Deer Management Subcommittee members
From: Dave Williams, Subcommittee Chair
Date: August 27, 2019
Re: Potential Capture and Cull program

This memo is to inform and educate the committee members regarding an additional method that could be used, along with residential hunting, to help control deer populations in the city.

Background

Remotely operated gates are now being used to control feral hog populations in areas where their numbers are rapidly reaching epidemic proportions. I have spoken with the co-owner of the company that makes a well-known brand of these gates (Jaeger-Pro) and he has confirmed that their product could absolutely be used to control deer populations. This method involves baiting an area with corn over an extended period with a stand feeder, then slowly adding the components of an enclosure, and eventually trapping and culling the animals onsite.

How and Why

The technology used for this method is fairly simple. The gate (8' wide by 5' high) is dropped by a signal sent from a user using a cell phone who can view the enclosed area in real time. The camera that monitors the enclosed area is basically itself a cell phone, but in addition to sending video to the user, it also sends the signal to the gate to release it and trap the animals.

Deer are far less intelligent than feral pigs, but like pigs they have a keen sense of smell. This method would allow the gates to be dropped by an operator who was far enough away so as not to be detected (smelled) by the animals. And since the signal is essentially a phone call, the operator could in theory be anywhere, but would likely be within a mile or two.

Cost

A complete package – not including shipping costs – is in the range of \$5,000 and includes: one gate, one camera and 12 fence panels (8' wide, 5' high). We would only need to order the gate and the camera as the fence panels are not tall enough to contain deer (we would fabricate our own). Cost for just the gate and camera only are not yet known.

Locations

There are a number of large land parcels within the city that are owned by either: the City of Wildwood, St. Louis County, or a couple of real estate holding companies. These would be ideal locations for this method as they are also the areas where the largest concentrations of deer are currently located, and the corals could be placed far away from neighboring homes.