

**MINUTES OF THE HOLLYWOOD PARK
DEER COMMITTEE MEETING
OCTOBER 2, 2017**

The Hollywood Park Deer Committee met in a regular session on October 2, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall. Notice was posted in accordance with the Texas Opening Meeting Laws. Committee Chair LuAnn Montgomery called the meeting to order. Committee Members present were LuAnn Montgomery, Carol Ingham, Tonya Cummings, Nancy Swan, Barbara Schmitz, Michael Crevoisier, Doug Brown, Ricky Smith and Debbie Trueman. Reid Loehman was absent. Also present were City Secretary Janice Alamia and attorney Ryan Henry.

APPROVE MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETING Doug Brown made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 11, 2017 Deer Committee meeting, as presented, and Carol Ingham seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

FINANCIALS OF DEER COMMITTEE AS OF SEPTEMBER 28, 2017 The financials were presented and discussed. Annual budget for deer management supplies is \$8,500.00, with a year end balance of \$1,368.00, including signage expense not in the financials. Deer Manager Salary year end balance was \$1,000.00 over-budget because he was inadvertently overpaid. This amount will be deducted from the deer manager's pay during the 2017-18 season. Deer Committee attorney fees budget is \$4,200.00, with a year end balance of (\$5.00).

WILDLIFE INCIDENT REPORTS There were two Wildlife Incident Reports discussed by the Committee:

9/5/17	124 Garrapata	Buck with injured leg; still up and running; no action taken.
9/10/17	112 Sunway	Buck with fencing stuck in antlers; ran from officers and complainant. This buck was subsequently freed of the fencing by Deer Project Manager Randy Tomasini and Deer Committee Member Doug Brown.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION None.

NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Discuss and take possible action on H.P. Deer Management expenditures.* No action taken.
- 2. Discuss and take possible action to approve existing contract with Randy Tomasini for one year beginning October 1, 2017 and ending September 30, 2018.* In order to address the overpayment to the Project Manager during the 2016-17 season, Doug Brown made a motion to approve the 2017-18 Deer Manager contract with the amendment to change the amount to \$6,000.00 and adding a paragraph stating that the last two payments will be withheld because of prior season overpayments. Debbie Trueman seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

3. ***Discuss and take possible action on results of Fall Deer Census.*** Nancy Swan reported on the results of the Fall Deer Census, noting that someone put out two feeding stations on Donella right before the count, without the Deer Committee's knowledge. While this did not affect the numbers, it skewed the results of where the deer were concentrated. There were a total of 135 deer counted, compared to Fall of 2016 – 152 deer, and Fall of 2015 – 184 deer.
4. ***Update on status of CWD samples.*** As of October 2, 2017, HP had collected only two CWD samples. The prospect from Bandera County was still interested in taking deer, but they still had to do a count to find out if they could get approved as a release site. There was still concern on the Committee about killing deer to obtain the remaining 13 samples until release sites were finalized.
5. ***Review, discuss and take possible action on 2017-18 trapping season and issues related thereto.*** There was discussion on how many deer to remove, based on the Fall Deer Census. Nancy Swan felt that the number was low enough to not move any deer this season, and Debbie Trueman and Barbara Schmitz agreed. Doug Brown proposed that HP move a maximum of 20 deer, and several Committee members and the Project Manager agreed that seemed like a good number. Whether HP releases deer to ranches or processes them, HP still has to test 15 deer for CWD. There was discussion that the remaining 5 deer should be processed, since most ranchers don't want to pay the fee just for 5 deer. Project Manager Tomasini reported that the coyotes were worse than last year and are taking deer. Between the coyotes and the bucks in rut, HP will probably be losing more deer during the next months. If the Committee decides to hold off on moving deer this season or to process instead of transporting deer to ranches, there is no urgency to take action this early. It was decided to conduct another deer count to see what the numbers look like, taking into consideration the rut and the coyotes. Carol Ingham made a motion to have an additional Fall Deer Census in November and reassess. Tonya Cummings seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The Census was set for Thursday, November 9, 2017 at 5:00 p.m.
6. ***Discuss and take possible action on final status of acquiring seasonal signage to alert drivers during fawn season and during rut, including expenditures.*** The deer signs had been ordered and were ready for pickup. The Public Works Director was available to help with placement.

CONSIDERATION OF DATE AND AGENDA FOR NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING.

The following items were set for the November agenda:

1. Review, discuss and take possible action on H.P. Deer Management expenditures.
2. Discuss and take possible action on results of additional Deer Census.
3. Update on status of CWD samples.
4. Review, discuss, take possible action on 2017-18 trapping season and issues related thereto.

Next Deer Committee meeting was set for Monday, November 13, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall.

ADJOURNMENT Carol Ingham made a motion to adjourn and Doug Brown seconded. Chair LuAnn Montgomery adjourned the meeting at 7:38 p.m.

MINUTES OF THIS MEETING APPROVED AS SUBMITTED (✓).
CORRECTED () THIS 13th DAY OF November, 2017.




Committee Chair, LuAnn Montgomery

ATTEST:



Secretary, Debbie Trueman



Attorney