

**MINUTES OF THE HOLLYWOOD PARK  
DEER COMMITTEE MEETING  
APRIL 9, 2018**

The Hollywood Park Deer Committee met in a regular session on April 9, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall. Notice was posted in accordance with the Texas Open Meeting Laws. Committee Chair LuAnn Montgomery called the meeting to order. Committee Members present were LuAnn Montgomery, Carol Ingham, Barbara Schmitz, Michael Crevoisier, Reid Loehman, Nancy Swan, Ricky Smith, Doug Brown and Debbie Trueman. Tonya Cummings was absent. Also present were City Secretary Janice Alamia, attorney Artin DerOhanian, and Deer Project Manager Randy Tomasini.

**APPROVE MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETING.** Carol Ingham made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 12, 2018 Deer Committee meeting, as presented, and Reid Loehman seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**FINANCIALS OF DEER COMMITTEE AS OF MARCH 31, 2018.** The financials were presented and discussed. Annual budget for deer management supplies is \$8,500.00, with \$3,682.15 spent during the current period. Expenses included vet costs and meds for trapping and transport, ear tags, processing fees, gloves and business cards. Supplies balance is \$4,596.05. Deer Manager Salary is \$5,000.00, with a balance of \$3,000.00. Deer Committee attorney fees budget is \$4,200.00, with a balance of \$2,835.00.

**APPROVE WILDLIFE INCIDENT REPORTS.** There were two Wildlife Incident Reports, as follows:

02/10/18	100 Block Tall Oak	Deer stuck on fence; eaten by coyotes.
02/19/18	300 Block Mustang Circle	Doe in backyard with mass on right rear leg. Doe was able to move and walk on own, so no action taken.

Debbie Trueman made a motion to approve the Wildlife Incident Reports as presented and discussed and Carol Ingham seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**PRESENTATION, DEER MANAGER – DETERMINING AGE OF DEER.** Randy Tomasini gave a minimal presentation regarding determining age of deer, and recommended referring to online information from Texas Parks & Wildlife for specific information (age when fawns lose their spots, determining age for CWD lymph nodes, etc.)

**CITIZEN PARTICIPATION.** Sheila Hartzler asked when the deer (mentioned above) was hung up on the fence because she had heard what sounded like an animal in distress, and she asked who to call if they need to report something like this. She was told to call City Hall or the Police Department.

## NEW BUSINESS

1. *Review, discuss and take possible action on H.P. Deer Management expenditures.* Carol Ingham made a motion to accept the financials as presented above and Doug Brown seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
2. *Review, discuss and take possible action on current deer sign status and policy.* There are four "Bucks in Rut" signs unaccounted for, and one was still up on Trailcrest. "Watch for Fawns" signs will go up on Memorial Day Weekend.
3. *Review, discuss and take possible action on 2017-18 trapping season and issues related thereto.* Randy Tomasini reported that the Mayor wanted to expand the Deer Manager's duties to include coyote management and to initiate a formal program. The coyote problem is serious and needs to be dealt with; one pack had 10-14 coyotes. This will undoubtedly affect HP's fawn crop this year. HP could change the Deer Manager's status to Wildlife Manager and modify the deer ordinance accordingly. HP is limited in its options to deal with the coyotes. A discussion of funding came up, with Chair Montgomery ~~noting that should be~~ included in the Animal Control budget. There was consensus that it was not appropriate for the Committee to make a determination on coyote control methods, and that should come under Animal Control. Tomasini reported that they would be working with TP&W, as well. Barbara Schmitz commented that coyotes should not be confused with foxes. Montgomery stated that although the Committee would not have any determination in the operations of coyote control, we will continue to address the coyote issue in its meetings, as it relates to the impact on the deer herd. The attorney commented that the deer ordinance would need to be amended before anything else could be done and that would have to be submitted to Council. He suggested making a motion to explore the possibility of adding coyote management into the Deer Manager's duties, and Debbie Trueman made such a motion, with Doug Brown seconding. The motion passed unanimously. → inquiring if it
4. *Review, discuss and take possible action on 2018-19 trapping season and issues related thereto.* Randy Tomasini reported that he is already looking for ranches for release sites. As of April 1, 2018, HP is collecting lymph nodes for CDW testing and Tomasini is requesting the total number of samples be submitted by September.
5. *Review, discuss and take possible action on Spring 2018 Deer Survey.* The Spring 2018 deer survey was set for May 10, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

## CONSIDERATION OF DATE AND AGENDA FOR NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING.

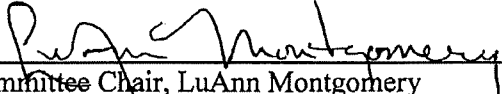
Next Deer Committee meeting was set for Monday, May 14, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall. The following items were set for that agenda:

1. Review, discuss, and take possible action on H.P. Deer Management expenditures.
2. Review, discuss, and take possible action on 2018-19 trapping season and issues related thereto.


3. Review and discuss results of Spring 2018 Deer Survey.
4. Review, discuss and take possible action in addressing adding coyote management to Deer Committee duties, or exploring other options for addressing effect of coyotes on deer herd.

**ADJOURNMENT.** Carol Ingham made a motion to adjourn and Debbie Trueman seconded. Chair LuAnn Montgomery adjourned the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

**MINUTES OF THIS MEETING APPROVED AS SUBMITTED ( ).**  
**CORRECTED (✓) THIS 14<sup>th</sup> DAY OF May, 2018.**

  
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Committee Chair, LuAnn Montgomery

**ATTEST:**

  
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Secretary, Debbie Trueman

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Attorney