



City of Garden Ridge

"A way of life, not just a place to live"

MINUTES OF WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2017 AT 7:00 P.M.

(Immediately following the Steering Committee Meeting)

Commissioners present:

Chairman David Krawczynski
Vice Chairman Cynthia Shanahan-Segovia
Commissioner Troy Bippert
Commissioner Rick Hannasch
Commissioner Paul Sullivan
Councilmember Robb Erickson (ex-officio)

Commissioners Absent:

Commissioner Desiree Garner
Commissioner Ken Kneupper

Also Present:

Nancy Cain, City Administrator
Shelley Goodwin, City Secretary

1. Call to Order

With a quorum of the Wildlife Management Advisory Commission Members present, the Special Meeting of the Garden Ridge Wildlife Management Advisory Commission was called to order by Chair Krawczynski at 7:29 p.m. on Monday, October 23, 2017 in the City Council Chambers of the Garden Ridge City Hall, 9400 Municipal Parkway, Garden Ridge, Texas 78266.

2. Presentation by Texas Parks and Wildlife on the managing of White-tail Deer population

a) Interactive question activity with citizen participation.

Elizabeth Bates, Texas Parks and Wildlife Biologist, provided a PowerPoint (see attached) regarding the history of White-tail Deer population, reasons to manage the population, options for managing the population, and different permitting processes. An informational electronic quiz was given to everyone in attendance.

b) Question and Answer Session

Q: Bag limits are set by State or County?

A: County; Comal County allows 2 bucks and 3 does per season.

Q: Could a deer be darted and then sterilized be harmful to the meat?

A: Currently this is being researched.

Q: Does TPW recommend trapping every year?

A: Yes, until the management phase can be entered.

Q: Does TPW consider the City of Garden Ridge open or closed status when it comes to management.

A: TPW considers open because there isn't a fence around the City.

Q: Could additional Deer Crossing signs help with safety and management issues?

A: It could help with making travelers aware of the deer in the area.

Q: Is TPW writing the 2017 Deer Survey?

A: TPW is assisting with the creation of the 2017 Wildlife Survey.

Q: Has the City of Garden Ridge applied for a trapping permit this year?

A: No

c) Determining the date, time and place of next presentation by Texas Parks and Wildlife.

The Commission did not determine the date, time or place for an additional presentation since the presentation was recorded and will be available online.

3. Citizen's Participation

Amy Harrell, 9315 Sumac Lane, stated she feels the key to wildlife management is education. She encouraged residents to plant landscape that the deer will not eat and teach your children to respect the wildlife. She stated she knows the City is in debt, but we really need more Deer Crossing Signs for the wildlife.

David Krawczynski, Chair, thanked everyone for coming and encouraged residents to attend the Commission's Regular Meetings on the 3rd Monday of every month at 6 p.m.

4. Adjournment

Motion: Upon a motion made by Commissioner Sullivan and a second by Commissioner Hannasch, the meeting was adjourned at 8:23 p.m.



David Krawczynski, Chair

ATTEST:



Shelley Goodwin, TRMC
City Secretary