



City of Garden Ridge

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MINUTES

WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

MONDAY, AUGUST 17, 2020, 6:00 P.M.

Commissioners Present:

Chair David Krawczynski
Vice-Chair Ken Kneupper
Commissioner Paul Sullivan (Present Virtually)
Commissioner Troy Bippert
Commissioner Shannon Drichta
Councilmember Lisa Swint, Ex-officio

Commissioners Absent:

Commissioner Dr. Denise Miner-Williams (Voluntary Announced Absence)
Vacancy

City Staff, City Councilmembers, and Other Commissioners Present:

Nancy Cain, City Administrator
Marisa Spencer, City Secretary
Kat Balbi, Assistant City Secretary

1. **Call to Order:** With a quorum of the Wildlife Management Advisory Commissioners present, Chair Krawczynski called the regular meeting of the Garden Ridge Wildlife Management Advisory Commission to order at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, August 17, 2020, in the City Council Chambers of the Garden Ridge City Hall, 9400 Municipal Parkway, Garden Ridge, Texas 78266.
2. **Roll Call:** See above.
3. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Chair Krawczynski led the Pledge of Allegiance.
4. **Citizen Comment Period:** No one signed up to speak.
5. **Business Items**

The following items are for discussion and/or possible action, including recommendations:

- a) **Education Session- Q & A Session by Ben Olsen, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department Biologist (limited to 30 minutes total).**

Ben Olsen, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department Biologist, introduced himself and answered questions from the Commission.

b) Approvals

1. **Minutes for June 15, 2020, Wildlife Management Advisory Commission Regular Meeting.**

Motion: A motion was made by Vice-Chair Kneupper, seconded by Commissioner Drichta, to approve the minutes for June 15, 2020, Wildlife Management Advisory Commission Regular Meeting. The Commission voted four (4) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

c) Discussions/Reports/Updates

1. **Wildlife and wildlife incidents within the City of Garden Ridge.**

i. Police Department and Animal Services.

The Commission discussed the wildlife reports from the Police Department and Animal Services.

2. Oak Wilt within the City of Garden Ridge.

Nancy Cain, City Administrator, updated the Commission on the status of oak wilt at Paul Davis Park and surrounding properties as well as answered questions from the Commission.

3. Wildlife Management Advisory Commissioner activities and projects.

i. Update of Commissioner's activities and projects.

Commissioner Drichta discussed dedicating the Butterfly Meadow at Paul Davis Park to former Commissioner Cynthia Shanahan-Segovia.

ii. Update regarding City and/or State wildlife management.

The Commission had no updates at this time.

iii. Future education/training sessions and Grapevine articles.

The Commission discussed providing an article for the monthly Grapevine.

4. Meeting Updates/Reports

i. Items applicable to the Wildlife Management Advisory Commission discussed at the July – August City Council Meetings.

Vice-Chair Kneupper stated City Council agreed by consensus to waive the requirement of Commissioners attending at least two (2) regular City Council meetings during each calendar year during the COVID-19 health pandemic. Councilmember Swint provided an update on the Fiscal Year 2021 Budget.

d) Recommendations

1. Feral Hog Management.

i. Discuss status and make recommendations related to, if needed.

Commissioner Sullivan spoke regarding providing a quote for automatic gate doors for hog pens at the next meeting.

2. Deer Management Program.

i. Discuss status and make recommendations related to, if needed.

Chair Krawczynski spoke regarding deer counts for this year. The Commission discussed various ways to conduct deer counts while maintaining social distancing. The Commission discussed and finalized the schedule for conducting three deer counts between mid-August and early-September with Ben Olsen, TPWD Biologists. The Commission set the following schedule with Mr. Olsen: August 20th - Vice-Chair Kneupper, August 25th - Commissioner Sullivan, and August 31st - Commissioner Bippert.

Chair Krawczynski spoke regarding options for potential trapping locations. Nancy Cain, City Administrator, spoke regarding accessibility concerns related to potential trapping locations. Chair Krawczynski spoke regarding the Commission creating a list of property owners for the City to contact.

3. City of Garden Ridge Wildlife Management Plan.

i. Discuss updates and make recommendations related to, if needed.

The Commission had no updates at this time.

4. Parks Committee Monthly Meetings.

Councilmember Swint updated the Commission on the current activities of the Parks Committee.

5. Ordinance No. 210-022018 An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Garden Ridge adopting board and commission policy and procedures; providing that this Ordinance shall be cumulative of all Ordinances; providing a severability clause; providing a savings clause; and providing an effective date.

i. Discuss and make recommendations related to application of ordinance provisions to commission members, if needed.

The Commission did not have any matters to discuss at this time.

e) Future Agenda Items.

1. Commissioners input on agenda items.

Commissioner Drichta requested re-naming the Butterfly Meadow in Paul Davis Park be placed on the next agenda.

2. Announce the date, time, and location for next meeting (September 21, 2020, at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall).

Chair Krawczynski announced the next Wildlife Management Advisory Commission Regular Meeting will be held on Monday, September 21, 2020, at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall.

6. Citizen Comment Period - limited to 20 minutes total

Kay Bower, 8947 Garden Ridge Drive, thanked Chair Krawczynski for volunteering to Chair the Commission, and spoke regarding communication efforts and oak wilt.

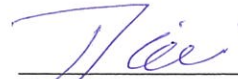
7. Adjournment

There being no further business, the Monday, August 17, 2020, Wildlife Management Advisory Commission Regular Meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m. by Chair Krawczynski.

ATTEST:



Kat Balbi
Assistant City Secretary



David Krawczynski
Chair

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SECOND CITIZEN COMMENT PERIOD

NAME/

ADDRESS

SUBJECT

1. Ray Brewer 8947 Hadden Ridge Dr. "Thanks" + need for
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3. Oak
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