



# **MINUTES OF THE PARKS COMMITTEE**

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2019, 5:00 PM**  
**CITY HALL, ROOM 207**  
**AMENDED**

## **A. ROLL CALL.**

Ald. Chris Wery, Ald. Brian Johnson, Ald. Mark Steuer, Ald. Andy Nicholson arrived at 5:40

Excused - Ald. Jesse Brunette

Others Present: Ald. John VanderLeest, Ald. Kathy Lefebvre, Dan Ditscheit, James Andersen, Matt Rupnik

## **B. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA.**

Moved by Ald. Brian Johnson, seconded by Ald. Mark Steuer to approve. Motion carried.

Yes- Chris Wery, Brian Johnson, Mark Steuer, No- None, Abstain- None

## **C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES.**

Moved by Ald. Brian Johnson, seconded by Ald. Mark Steuer to approve. Motion carried.

Yes- Chris Wery, Brian Johnson, Mark Steuer, No- None, Abstain- None

## **D. REGULAR BUSINESS.**

1. Discussion with possible action on the request by Ald. VanderLeest to redo the blacktop pathway of Beaver Dam to Fireman's Park.

Moved by Ald. Brian Johnson, seconded by Ald. Mark Steuer to direct staff to work jointly with Public Works to replace the asphalt pathway just south of Stony Brook Lane, behind Fireman's Park. Motion carried.

Yes- Chris Wery, Brian Johnson, Mark Steuer, No- None, Abstain- None

2. Discussion with possible action on the request for the Wildlife Sanctuary to reinstate the deer management program and to research the the deer management issue throughout the City.

Moved by Ald. Brian Johnson, seconded by Ald. Mark Steuer to refer to staff to scientifically identify the number of deer at the Wildlife Sanctuary, to establish a target number of deer desired at the Wildlife Sanctuary, to leave the deer management program in place throughout the rest of the City and to identify alternative ways to reduce the herd. Motion carried.

Yes- Chris Wery, Brian Johnson, Mark Steuer, No- None, Abstain- None

3. Discussion with possible action on the approval of a utility easement from Wisconsin Public Service for the installation of an electric service for the new ball field at Baird Park.

Moved by Ald. Andy Nicholson, seconded by Ald. Brian Johnson to approve. Motion carried.

Yes- Chris Wery, Andy Nicholson, Brian Johnson, Mark Steuer, No- None, Abstain- None

4. Discussion with possible action on hiring Robert E. Lee & Associates for \$28,800 to complete the engineering for the stormwater management to accommodate the ball field and parking lot modifications.

Moved by Ald. Brian Johnson, seconded by Ald. Mark Steuer to approve hiring Robert E. Lee & Associates for \$28,800 to complete the engineering for the stormwater management to accommodate the ball field and parking lot modifications at Colburn Park. Motion carried.

Yes- Chris Wery, Andy Nicholson, Brian Johnson, Mark Steuer, No- None, Abstain- None

## **E. INFORMATIONAL.**

1. Director's Report on updates and recent activities of the Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department.

Moved by Ald. Mark Steuer, seconded by Ald. Brian Johnson to receive and place on file. Motion carried.

Yes- Chris Wery, Andy Nicholson, Brian Johnson, Mark Steuer, No- None, Abstain- None

2. The next Park Committee is scheduled for October 9, 2019.

## **F. ADJOURNMENT.**

Moved by Ald. Brian Johnson, seconded by Ald. Andy Nicholson to adjourn. Motion carried.

Yes- Chris Wery, Andy Nicholson, Brian Johnson, Mark Steuer, No- None, Abstain- None

## VERBATIM MINUTES

We are set.

- All right the September 25th meeting of the Parks Committee will come to order, and we will note Alderman Burnett is excused due to a work commitment. Alderman Nicholson is excused. Alderman Johnson is here. Alderman Larry and thank you once again. All of the bull pen has in store. What would we do without you? Can I have the approval of the agenda?

- Second motion by Alderman Johnson, second by Alderman Steuer. To approve, those in favor?

- I.

- Opposed? Next to carry. See approval of the minutes. Side motion by Johnson, second by Steuer. Discussion, those in favor?

- I.

- Opposed? Motion carried. De-Regular business discussion with possible action on the request for Alderman Vanderlees to redo the blacktop pathway of Beaver Dam to Fireman's Park. Did you want to go first Alderman Vanderlees, or do you want the staff to comment? What do-

- Uh, you can let our director.

- Okay. Director.

- All right. So I've included a map in the agenda packet. I do want to note that I did amend the agenda yesterday, so you should be looking at the amended agenda. Um, and this project has been under discussion for several years. There's an existing blacktop path just south of Fireman's Park in between Stonyburke Lane and Beaver Dam Drive. This pathway is on a steep hill and it's in very poor condition. So, Public Works and the Parks Department have been coordinating this project for several years, uh, trying to get this project completed. Both of us had a lack of funding. But right now, we're at the point where we're ready to proceed, so Public Works already hired a contractor to repave the section of trail that you see on this map. Paving is scheduled for the week of September 30th. Once the paving is completed, parks crews will come in and do all the site restorations, so we'll come in, place the top soil, seed it, place an erosion mat and the project should be done in the next couple of weeks. So, you know, at this point you can either receive or place it on file or if you feel more comfortable, you can either direct park staff to work with Public Works, uh, to jointly replace the asphalt pathway.

- Alderman Vanderlees?

- That sounds like a real good post.

- This might be, this might be a record approval.

- I'd like to make a motion to direct park staff to work directly with Public Works in the completion of that project.

- I'll second that.

- Motion by Alderman Johnson. Seconded by Alderman Steuer. Under discussion. Look, John asks, he gets it.

- Well thanks a lot.

- Should have had you ask for the pool.

- We didn't vote yet.

- Those in favor?

- Uh, Opposed motion hearing.

- Thanks John. Alderman Vanderlees. That's two, discussion with possible action on the request for the wildlife sanctuary to reinstate the deer management program, and to research the deer management issue throughout the city. All right, we've, held this for two weeks.

- So at the last park committee, staff was asked to gather more information on allowing bow hunting at The Wildlife Sanctuary, and also research the deer management program throughout the city to see how well it's working. Uh, the city-wide program is managed by staff at The Wildlife Sanctuary. We do have Matt Rupnik here, uh, who was the person in charge of managing that program. So you can come up to the podium and give a brief description about the history of the program, and how well it's working throughout the city. And then from there, we'll talk about the sanctuary and some thoughts we have on that.

- All right Matt.

- Thanks for having me. So I, as Dan mentioned, I oversee the City of Green Bay Deer Management Program with the- under the direction of Dan Ditscheit, as well as a couple of other individuals. John Beckley from Mount Management. Josh Martinez a biologist as well as Austin Larsen who is our- One of our park rangers also assist with the program. The City of Green Bay Deer Management Program within the city limits of Green Bay. The program began with of the City Council being formed for the specific purpose of deer management through city limits. After two years of planning, the first hunt occurred in the spring of 2003. The first locations were in Bears Creek Parkway, eventually expanding to Himas Rock Park on the west side as well. From 2003 until 2013, are issued permit encompassed public as well as privately owned properties within the city limits of Green Bay, totaling approximately 128 sites throughout the city limits. After 2014, the program went exclusively to public land owned by the City of Green Bay, and the few areas that were also owned by Brown Coney within the city limits of Green Bay, through an agreement with Brown Coney. As the program stands today there are a total of 64 sites throughout the city limits of Green Bay located in Bairds Creek, UWGB campus, Enis Rock Park, and several others and hunt able areas within Green Bay city limits. There are currently 75 hunters enrolled in the program. I just have a couple of statistics as far as from the last couple of years hunt. It's been fairly consistent year to year, uh, and I do have a breakdown of each district, um, but the last two years, let's see, 2017, um we had a total of 78 deer

harvested. In this past year, 2018, we had 75 deer harvested. And so far, in 2019, we have 18 deer harvested throughout the city. The season began on September 14th and runs through January 31st.

- When it's ending in January 31st, what's the beginning?

- Yeah January 31st is the end of the season.

- And what's the beginning?

- September 14th. So the same, it's the same weekend as the rest of the state.

- Anyone have any questions on the general program itself? Or questions along your own district?

- Yeah, I do. I don't think you've- I don't think there's any hunting in district eight that I know of almost. I mean Colburn.

- No. No, there are only uh, there are only four, five districts that are actually have huntable addendum.

- So that's district one, district two, district five, district seven, district 12 are the only ones that we have.

- Were any of the areas- Any of the years did include The Wildlife Sanctuary?

- Not in the last several years. To my knowledge the beginning of the program, they did include- It was a separate permit, but they did include the sanctuary grounds as well.

- Did that end at some point, or?

- Uh, I've only been involved with The Deer Management Program since about 2017.

- Okay.

- So yeah, it, it was, uh, in the program, you know at the beginning. At some point it was taken out of the program. I'm not sure which year exactly. But since the- Since we haven't been uh, it hasn't been party of the program, the deer herd has grown substantially.

- Alderman Johnson, do you have anything?

- Do you have- I mean at least this communication I understand that it was referred back to address for the entire city, but with respect to our last sanctuary in particular, do we have actual numbers in terms of how many deer are located there? I mean that seems to be a slightly different circumstance, because it is partially contained.

- Yeah the last number that I'd heard- And I wasn't able to go check that number down, um was from, about four or five years ago when Brett Nelson was still involved with the program. They had did a spot search as far as numbers, um, and I want to say it was well over a hundred.

- Okay so that's, that's five years old. I mean that's life span almost of the deer, so. The wild deer at least. So, I mean if- Okay so we haven't done any though, new number?

- We have not, since the hunting was not-

- Okay. Um, and then, how, I mean- That's my other question, I think then is how do you actually identify the number of deer. Is it just through spot searches?

- General spot searches. We do have trail cameras that we have placed out there as well. Just to monitor deer as well as other wildlife.

- Okay, so there's no other additional scientific approach that's taken with respect to-

- Not that we have taken at this point.

- Okay. And right now, and I think, I mean, I think I got the answer here, but right now, everything is archery and it is currently not allowed in The Wildlife Sanctuary?

- That is correct.

- Okay. Um, have you had any, I mean, with the archery hunt, have you had any challenges? In particular the bow, cause archery is not always a clean uh, scenario right? I mean archery is more prone to, uh wounded animals from your experience and observation. Has that been a challenge at all, with this type of hunt?

- Um, I do ask that they report any problems to me. They are required to. I have not had any. Um, I have had their report of any lost arrows, any deer that were not able to be retained, um obviously with respect to trespassing laws, that is something that they have to be mindful of as well. But they are to make any, every effort to retain that deer.

- Okay. Thank you.

- Alderman Steuer. Alderman Johnson asked one of questions as far the number of deer that was my concern. As far as, you would think that you could get a handle, we could get a handle on that a little bit. Did you mention that- When was the last year that the hunt was allowed at the Wildlife Sanctuary?

- I want to say it was about four to five years ago, but I'm not 100% sure.

- Um, I mean I've gotten a number of- We'll talk about that once- Amongst ourselves. I got some emails from some folks, and I think one of the- We'll talk about that when we get out of this, but I um, I think the biggest thing for me was the numbers of deer and Elder Johnson raised up a good point about the cleanliness of the hunt. The fact that it's in the city limits. It is a wildlife sanctuary, which you know, sanctuary means sanctuary, so. We'll discuss that, but I think I got what I needed for now.

- Thank you. Alderman Johnson?

- Yep, and I meant to ask this as a follow up question, sorry. When I asked if you knew how many there were, the follow up question is do we have target numbers, um, for what we might want to see in any particular area within the city.

- It's far- Sorry, you didn't clarify that.

- So like, for example wildlife sanctuary. I'm going to take the easy target here, no pun intended. The Wildlife Sanctuary is, um, I mean I think that the deer actually add something to that environment, but obviously you don't want the population to become out of control. So do we have a target number with what we would like to see in that area?

- Uh, we don't have anything set as of yet. Uh, that is something that we would discuss further.

- Okay. Thank you.

- Matter of fact, what is your title at the sanctuary?

- Senior animal keeper.

- Alderman Steuer.

- Thank you chair, uh there was a task force of some sort that was there some years ago, that was under - Ben Nelson, so was that four years ago as well? That there was something in place that was studying this issue?

- Yeah, I belie- And Ben was very involved with studying the numbers as far as the number of deer on the property. I know he did, um, a couple of occasions to go spot searches. Basically what that entails is driving through and spot lighting and just getting general numbers of deer. Uh, other than that it was usually, Ben was usually the lead on that. He just reported the numbers.

- For any reason, can you tell us, why that group stopped? Was it because Mr. Nelson left or was there another reason that you know of?

- Uh, that, to my knowledge, I was just directed to-

- You were his prep.

- Yeah.

- All right. That's all I have.

- Anything else?

- No.

- Anything else Matt?

- Thanks. Nope.

- You mind taking a question from Alderman Lafebvre?
- I think this is probably more for Dan. I think it was probably because the K4 came in and the school said there's no, no weapons within a thousand feet of the building of the school. So that could be why it ended.
- Very possible.
- I don't know the history of that.
- Any other questions for Matt?
- Um, no.
- Okay.
- He can go.
- All right, thanks.
- Thank you.
- Thanks Matt. Anybody else here for this item? Anybody else? All right. Questions for Dan? Or Dan do you have anything you want to add to that?
- I do want to speak.
- Oh sure. Come on up.
- I was only able to go out Monday night and Tuesday night, and I went and talked to my neighbors. I got about half of them. There's maybe 45 houses something like between, um, May Beach and Dan's. So I went east of Dan, I mean west of Dan's because Dan had said before maybe they could do east of Dan's. And I have 35 people that were home, signed, stating that they want something done because they're just seeing deer and they're just devastating everything.
- You want that as part of that?
- And, we just want, you know, something done to control-
- Did we get enough?
- How many are there?
- There's 35.
- Okay.

- That I got, that were home. And I was only able to go Monday and Tuesday night 'cause I was gone all weekend. But, um, yeah. One thing I have to look at humanely, if we're allowing the deer to become- The deer herd in the sanctuary- so big that they're having trouble finding enough food, you could end up next spring finding dead deer, starved. That's another thing that I'm looking at. I look at it that way too. Not just that they're coming in and eating everything up, which is bad. If you saw my yard, they show a little bit on five there. I mean, I gave up, I can't afford to be puttin' out- Every two three days I have to put this stuff down and now they're still eating. It's getting too expensive. And a lot of other neighbors, I mean, they're really- They've had it up to here with the amount of deer. And when I was walking out Monday night, it was dark, deer were standing on the side of the road, and all of a sudden, somebody went through. If they would have come out, they could have killed him. You may have to look at this too, and there's been deer that have been killed. Cars been hitting them.

- Did you, did you reach out by chance at all to the police department to get any number of crash data, like pulled on deer?

- No, no I just- I saw, I saw the one on Dams. Not saw I when it happened, but I saw it laying there. The one that was on Webster Street, which actually was hit from the highway, I found out after someone told me. Yeah, it was on top and there was another one on East Shore Drive, but two people told me of two other incidents that they saw the deer.

- So you're in favor of some type of hunt?

- Yeah, unfortunately there has to be. There has to be.

- Okay.

- I mean, I like seeing the deer, but it's just, it's just too many.

- Okay. Any questions for Alderman Lefebvre?

- Alderman Johnson?

- Oh, Lefebvre, I'm gonna read a quote for you. "A family moved to the bay in 1971 because of the wildlife. Be the the area possibility assuming again at Bay Beach." Do you know who wrote that?

- That was me. I do love the wildlife. We have turkey's all over , we have possums. I had a flying squirrel in my attic. We had a wood duck try to nest in, try to nest my fireplace. I mean, we have wildlife.

- Well and the reason that-

- The problem is that we can't, you know- We could do a little bit with that, but we can't, we can't control the deer.

- And I ask the question partially ingest, but partially because often times you see- I mean individuals that move into a certain area because they want the wildlife, but the second that the wildlife is in their flowers then they, you know, wanna call the herds. So, I just wanna make sure that-

- Yeah.

- Any decision I think that comes from this committee that we're making it based on data, and that's why I was asking the question about numbers. And so we can have the discussion a little bit, but- And so maybe I would just ask the same question of you, are you aware of any data that exist?

- No. No, not on the numbers at all. No I have no idea, I just know that we, at times, especially when you could see them at night in the snow, we can have 12, 13 in our, in our yard. That's just me. We didn't even talk about other people down further. They're not just, you know- And they just move all over. They're, um, what else I was going to say, I love wildlife, I do. I grew up in the country and I love where I live. I love all that. But, I also said it's not humane because they're so hungry. That's why they're coming' over by us, we got a lot of good stuff to eat. They're trying to, you know, feed themselves before the winter. And, I, I- We bought our house in 1972. There was no deer for 42 years. Never saw a deer in our yards, anywhere. We never saw them. And then they started coming' in gradually, and then all of a sudden they just so many. So, that says to me as to when the deer are there, that they have to come into our yards to find something to eat.

- Any other questions on that one?

- So, Whatever can be done. We just want something.

- Any other questions from the committee?

- Anything else other?

- No.

- All right. Thank you.

- Yep.

- Director?

- Yeah I do have a few things to add. So, I think in general, and I think Matt can, would agree with this. I have talked to the staff out there. I think in general, we are seeing larger numbers of deer than we have in previous years. It's an accurate statement. If you are looking for numbers to justify reinstating the program, we could do another assessment, like what we did in the past. We take some time to do that, and I don't know if we would have those numbers generated in order to bow on for this season. As Matt mentions, the end of the season would be the end of January, so I'd have to talk to staff to see how we would go about compiling that data if you want to base your decision on data. So, I can't guarantee we'd be bow on in the season if that's the direction you want to go. But we could go that route if you choose to. Just a couple of other things. So, one thing that was discussed at the last park committee, was whether or not the school district was in favor of the lone bow hunting with the 4K program there. So I did speak to Michelle Meinfeld on this issue. She reached out to their legal counsel. She reached out to a few board members. Not sure exactly who she reached to, but the general consensus from the school district, from what Michelle told me, was that they wouldn't have any concerns if the bow hunting happened when the students aren't there. So if it were to be allowed, one of the conditions that they would recommend, and I would be in agreement with that, is

that we would only allow hunting on the days when there's no classes in session. So that would be Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays. The other concern that came up was the safety of the people at the sanctuary. There's a lot of people there walking the trails throughout the day. So, one other condition that we could look at, would be only allowing hunting to occur prior to opening and after we close. So our hours of operation are eight to four thirty. So there's plenty of daylight in the morning to do some hunting. There's plenty of daylight in the evening, at least right now. It's a little more challenging as the season progresses, but we would allow hunting, you know, after hours. So those are the primary concerns. There would be other stipulations I would encourage the committee to consider. Obviously, one would be that only people who are enrolled in The Deer Management Program would be able to hunt there. There's absolutely be no hunting within a thousand feet of the school, because that is the mandate. There is no hunting allowed within a thousand feet of any school, so we wouldn't go out any hunting within a thousand feet. And then, the city would hand pick the hunters who are enrolled in the program, who we've worked with in the past who are, who are known to be capable hunters who follow the rules. We would hand select those hunters. That's how it was done previously when hunting was allowed at the sanctuary. And that's what we would recommend for this. In addition, we set a target number of deer to be harvested and as part of that, the first two deer that would be taken would be donated to the sanctuary as food for the animals. So it'd be giving back to the sanctuary which would help offset some of our, immediate expenses for food. The other question that came up, is you know, would D and R be okay with this, or are there means or methods of doing this, or handling this in another way. So, I did reach out to the D and R, uh, if we are going to manage the deer, on site, there's really only two ways we can do it that's acceptable to the D and R. One would be to, uh, do it through this program, because they are, you know, we were planning with them managing this program. The other option is to hire a private company to manage the deer instead, instead of using hunters who are enrolled in the program. Now what is not allowed by the state, per the D and R what they told me, is transporting deer is not permitted in the state of Wisconsin. And managing the deer by, um, BY birth control, which is not permitted in the state of Wisconsin either. So, the only two types of management we would have, is enroll people, enroll this in our Deer Management Program, or hire a consultant to come in and manage it for us.

- Questions? Oh, I'm sorry. Johnson.

- So, during the week we heard from staff as well. I mean, other than stories or spot checks I guess, do we have any evidence that suggests that the deer herd is over populated?

- What we are viewing- Our opinion is based on what we see. I mean our staff is out there every day. We're out in the trails. We are seeing more deer than we have in previous years. The only other data that we would have is not formal data, but we look at the vegetation and where they're eating. Ad uh, they are eating quite a bit of vegetation around the sanctuary also, which has been somewhat problematic, but like I said, we have no data to substantiate whether or not the herd has grown in numbers or whether or not they're within the standards of what the D and R would recommend for a herd in the first place. So, if that's something you're looking for, we can explore that as an option. We're gathering that data for you.

- Where I'm struggling, I guess, is how do we even begin to set a target number of animals to harvest without even knowing what's out there. I think if that is going to be the recommendation is to set a target number, I think we have to know what the basis is for us to effectively make that recommendation. In particular, because of the uniqueness of the facility, right, and that it is partially

contained, there is that viewing value that is, you know, inherent with the mission. Now, when we look at, I think, other areas of the city, I mean it's obviously it's just a different scenario. And so, I mean, if we're talking about this, specifically at The Wildlife Sanctuary, those are my questions and then if we're looking at city wide? I mean, do we have other areas within the city that are experiencing chronic complaints or concerns about the deer population?

- Uh, it kind of adds and flows. I mean there's certain years when we get more complaints than others in certain areas. You heard only recently this year- This year I haven't gotten any calls or issues other than this one at the sanctuary. Have you received anything Matt?

- I have not received any reports of any issues with deer as far as these numbers in that any specific district or.

- So in staff's opinion then, is there anything that we need to do with the balance of the city right now?

- Not with the city as a whole other than continue with the program.

- Okay. Thank you.

- Alderman Steuer?

- You did answer one of my questions Pam, which was can any of these deer be relocated.

- No D and R won't allow that. You cannot relocate deer.

- That's what they told me.

- Okay.

- Unless you want to put a.

- Well you know I concur with Alder Johnson on this, I really you know- We need some data I think. You know, I realize that spot checks are fine and you know, visuals are fine. You know, if we had some numbers to say, okay we've got 400 here. Sustainability's 250 or whatever, you know, I think we, at council, I think need more than just anecdotal evidence, so. I think it's important that we have that. I did have one citizen just an email that he sent. All right he um, he just stated, "What is this craziness about possibly allowing bow hunting? Bow hunters kill deer at The Wildlife Sanctuary. This is completely ludicrous, especially since it's over the condition of a couple of people's yard. This is just a citizen arguing."

- He sent an email to himself.

- No. I don't know how to do that. "My mom brought me there all the time 'cause it's a sanctuary." So he emphasized the fact that it's a sanctuary, so that, that's the perception that, you know, some people will have to get over. I told him I said, "We will discuss the situation." I said, "This is a bit more complex than meets the eye." Uh, I think the fact that deer starve, I think that's uh, that's not a good scene, so we have to look at that as well. Figure out what kind of balance there is between the

hunt and the natural process is, and I can't make that decision on it very well unless I have some better numbers, so that's what I vote.

- Okay. All those in favor?

- There are a hundred households in our neighborhood association. It's all on East Shore Drive, so there's ov- There's a hundred households, so it's not just a couple. I just want to say that. And then, Dan the , I can understand that. But up on the- Around, you know, I don't know where they conjugate when they are in the sanctuary. Would that allow- You have to call the herd. Say, do your data and it shows it's, you know, necessary.

- There are areas, um, around the perimeter, um, that would be west of Dan's Avenue that are outside of that thousand feet.

- You feel that if you gie them that they would be-

- So we will be able to allow some hunting on both sides of Dan Avenue, and still uh , be within the thousand foot regulation of a of a no weapon zone.

- It just, you know, if the figures come out and you say you'll have to call a certain amount. Just want to make sure that you can do it.

- Yep, sir I think to the comments that Alder Steuer were sharing, I think, um, the resident in his district is right in that I think that the optics on this do not look good for The Wildlife Sanctuary. You have a facility in particular that's designed to rehab animals and really send back into the wild and we're, you know, potentially considering a kill within, um you know within the perimeter of the actual facility. It seems to be in direct conflict with the mission of the organization and so, I am not opposed to managing the herd if in fact it does need it. But I think there's a couple things that I need to be comfortable with the decision. One is, I think we need to be talking about numbers, not only what exists, and I feel like that needs to be more than just spot checks. There actually are, you know, scientific ways to achieve that, that, um, those numbers. Um, I think we need to identify what an appropriate target number is, if we're going to make a recommendation in terms of the number of, uh, the number of deer that we need to, uh take out. But the other piece that I really do think we need to explore a little bit more is how do we do it with humanity that is in alignment with the mission of the organization. I think we've been presented with two options, and I would maybe push that back on staff a little bit and say, "Are there ways that we can naturally select out the herd that, you know, I don't know what that would be. I'm not- I mean I'm a deer hunter , I'm not a deer management expert. But there often times can be ways things that you can do, uh, where deer naturally kind of, I guess, weed themselves out. So I would ask staff to maybe- I don't know if it makes sense to work with the D and R, but obviously the staff that we have, but to maybe explore some additional options that might allow us to do something that, again, isn't in direct conflict with the mission of the institution.

- Thank you.

- There's two more points that I- Dan you mentioned that it's be September till January or the end of December for the hunt? I think with the fact that you would have to give data, et cetera, I think it would be difficult to have it this year. The fact that you got the 4K school there, you know, and you

got the thousand foot perimeter, you know, at- Is that an exact perimeter? You know, I think that you can generally find out where that might be, but there's always a chance that it could come in closer. There's also concern for me that people would, you know, when the park closes, there's always a chance for some stragglers. You know they don't- You know it's hard for staff to make sure that everybody's out of the, out of the facility. I don't know if you've had problems like that before, but just a couple of scenarios to think about, and I think I would feel more comfortable if those were addressed completely.

- Sure.

- All right. I'll go to Lafevre and then back to Alder Johnson.

- The only frustration that has come is when they have closed the trails on. When they're doing it, they're closed and no other people know not to go on the trails, even if you try. So I mean that's something that can be done. I don't know. Yeah I think the sanctuary, probably something like that maybe we'll do something but, they're not going to allow-

- Okay, so if you close our trails at 4:30.

- Yeah.

- And open them at 8.

- Yeah that will be good.

- All right. Thank you. Alderman Johnson?

- I will just make a motion to refer this back to staff with a couple provisions. One is to scientifically identify the number of deer that exist in The Wildlife Sanctuary. To establish a target number that's desired for that space. Um, to leave the balance of the city, in its current status, meaning that the hunts that we already have in place that that just, just preserves stays in place. And, uh, there was one more thing that I wanted to mention. Oh, uh, identify other alternative ways, um to reduce the herd other than just, I guess killing them and hiring someone to do it.

- Second.

- Second.

- I'll second that.

- Under discussion. I think it's a good idea, you know I- Obviously this runs, hunting runs through, what, mid-January I believe? So if you can get the data, you could still have a limit of three four week one if the data shows up.

- Once we have the data compiled and have a report for you with this information, we'll bring it back no matter when it is, and if there's enough time, we'll get back with you.

- And it sounds like, from the neighbors and the Elder and staff that there's an increase, but it would be good to know the numbers and the amount for that regularly.

- I agree.

- I mean, it is a sanctuary, yes, but when there's no predators, obviously that's when starvation and disease can take over and that'd be uglier. Those would be uglier optics I think, so. You know, so if you mean Colina, I think you'd find one.

- All right, those in favor?

- I.

- Opposed? Motion carried. Number three. Discussion with possible action on the approval of the utility easement from Wisconsin Public Service for the installation of an electric service for the new ball field at Baird.

- So as part of the Baird School property trade agreement, the school district has been hired to rebuild the park and re-stall the new softball field with sports lighting. You'll see in the agenda packet there's a map showing that, showing the location of where the ball field is. But then there's also some attachments in there showing the supposed easement location. So the easement is needed to provide the electric service to the ball field lighting, so this isn't for the school, this is for the park. The park is currently under construction and about half completed, uh and if approved this electric service would be installed very quickly, yet this fall. So staff is supportive of the easement and I would recommend approval.

- Questions?

- Motion approved.

- Alderman Nicholson, second by Alderman Johnson. Discussion, those in favor?

- I.

- Opposed? Motion carried. And please note, Alderman Nicholson has joined us. All right, that one passed, and we are on to item four, discussion with possible action on hiring Robert E. Lee and Associates for \$20,800.00 to complete the engineering for the Stonewater Management to accommodate the ball field and parking lot modifications.

- And I forgot to mention there are four coal burns, so I apologize. So this project is with regards to the Stonewater management that we need in order to replace the single baseball field with two little league fields, and also to modify the parking lot configuration to add more parking and make the circulation work a little bit better. So \$650,000.00 was allocated for this project in the 2019 bond request. The scope of the work will include a site survey of conceptual design and the final get back for the storm water management features. Four companies bid on the project and we're recommending to go with the low vendor who is Robert E. Lee and Associates for a total cost of \$28,800.00. We have worked with this company several times before on other Stonewater

Management designs. They do a good job and we're comfortable working with them again for this project.

- I can approve?

- Also Alderman Johnson.

- Second.

- Alderman Steuer. Those in favor?

- I.

- Opposed? Motion carried. Four bears, right?

- I know. Makes me happy

- Yep.

- All right. That brings us to informational director's report.

- So just a few things to know if you're uh- so right now in our parks we're spreading a lot of wood chips for the playgrounds. We're putting them at a lot of different parks. Topped with the weather, tree trimming, our east side crew recently. We're on Grove Street right now and the west side crew is cleaning Broadway Avenue. Uh, renovation work you can use at Colburn tool. The paper work is completed. The siding, roofing and fence replacement has begun. waterfall habitat restoration project is nearly completed. So if you go out there, it looks substantially different that it did last year, so uh, it's going well. The recreation division worked really hard with all of our sports groups. They finally rescheduled the canceled games. With all of the water issues we've had this year, it's been a challenge but we're getting a lot of the right now. Walk for Wildlife was a huge success, so we met at the sanctuary to end up with 571 walkers and raised over \$16,000.00 in donations. This is a fundraiser for Our Paws, which is a group that fundraises and all of the money goes back to the sanctuary to help offset costs to rehabilitate the animals, so. It's our biggest fundraising event each year and it was a big success. And then, uh this weekend, there's going to be a 33rd annual Kids Autumn Adventure. It will be on Saturday from 10 till 2. It's sponsored by the Thursday Breakfast Optimist Club of Green Bay, so this is also a great event. It runs from 11 to 1. It's a free event to the public, so if you have kids you go out there, I would recommend it. It's a great event. And that concludes my director's inquiry.

- Motion to second by Alderman Johnson to receive in place. Discussion, those in favor?

- [All] I.

- Opposed? This motion carried.

- Move to adjourn.

- Second.

- Motion by Alderman Johnson, second by Nicholson, those in favor?
- I.
- Opposed? Motion carried, we're adjourned.