

**CITY OF EAU CLAIRE
WATERWAYS AND PARKS COMMISSION**

March 28, 2018

Members Present: Joshua Miller, Meredith Ball, Ron Doering, Terry Weld, Susan McLeod, Megan Kremer, Jason Duba, Kate Beaton

Members Absent: Tom Fiedler, Jenni Sterling, David Leaman

Staff Present: Jeff Pippenger, Todd Chwala, Pat Ivory

The meeting was chaired by Joshua Miller in the North Conference Room and called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Minutes: The minutes of the February 28, 2018 meeting were approved as written.

Business Agenda.

A. Presentation of 2017 Hobbs Ice Arena Annual Report. Patrick Newkirk, Manager of Hobbs Ice Arena, was present at the meeting to present the 2017 annual report for Hobbs Ice Center which included an overview of the history of Hobbs Ice Center and recent events held at the ice center. Improvements during 2017 included a new sign for the arena, seal coating of the parking lots, new locker room doors, and parking lot lighting. Proposed improvements for 2018 include: replacement of the evaporative condensers for the main refrigeration system, design of the replacement floor for the Akervik Rink, and development of a concept level design for a future mechanical and locker room addition.

ACTION TAKEN: Jason Duba moved to accept the report. Ron Doering seconded the motion. All votes were in favor. Motion carried.

B. Presentation of the Aerial Deer Survey Results. John Dunn was present at the meeting to discuss the annual aerial deer survey results. John indicated that the survey showed an increase in the deer herd for most of the survey areas. The increase was most likely due to several factors including a mild winter, but also a more accurate survey indicating that the numbers from the previous year might have been undercounted. He noted that the ideal density of a deer herd in an urban area should be approximately 15 to 20 deer per square mile. Eau Claire's average is closer to 59 deer per square mile.

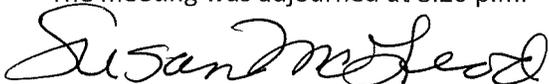
Alternatives to reduce the deer herd were discussed. Better education of the public to discourage baiting was discussed in addition to better publishing the availability of hunters that could be hired by citizens to hunt in certain areas of the City.

ACTION TAKEN: Meredith Ball moved to accept the report. Megan Kremer seconded the motion. All votes were in favor. Motion carried.

Other Items.

-The Commission reviewed the special events listing and Director's Report.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.



Submitted by,
Susan McLeod, Secretary