

MEETING NOTES

Deer Committee

Wednesday, June 15, 2016

6:30 P.M. – Galena City Hall, 101 Green Street

1. Call meeting to order - The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. with the following individuals in attendance: John Cox (Chairperson), Beth Baranski, Carmen Ferguson, and Kirk Foecking.
2. Approve agenda – A motion to approve the agenda was made by Beth and seconded by Kirk. The motion carried.
3. Approve meeting notes from May meeting – A motion to approve the April 20th meeting notes as presented was made by Carmen and seconded by Kirk. The motion carried.
4. Discussion of possible additions and/or changes provided by committee members to the survey of citizens of Galena previously prepared by Beth regarding the numerous issues the community faces related to the deer population and whether or not we want to request assistance from the council to mail and tally the survey results. – The committee members discussed various additions and changes to the draft survey, and it was decided that a revised survey document should be reviewed and finalized at a special committee meeting prior to submittal to the City Council. Beth will review the Galena Territory Association’s survey and create a revised survey for that meeting.
5. Discussion of interim report to the City Council including changes, corrections and additions to the draft previously prepared by John and submitted to the committee during the May meeting – The committee discussed interest in deer crossing signage on Rte. 20. John spoke with an IDOT representative and was told that if they received information about incidents/accidents involving deer they might approve signage. Because of the State’s financial situation the City would probably have to pay for the signage if it were approved. If signage isn’t approved, the idea of locating signage outside of IDOT’s jurisdiction was discussed. John will write to IDOT and send them information. Other points to be added include information about road salt attracting deer to roads and the need for long-term citizen education. John and Beth will revise the interim report for review at the special meeting.
6. Comments from Citizens – None.
7. Discussion by committee members of the proposed agenda for July meeting – Peggy Doty, University of Illinois Extension, will be presenting on wildlife management.
8. Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.