



**Public Safety Committee
November 10, 2015
MINUTES**

Present: Aldermen Hawkins, Leszczynski, Pukaite, Police Chief Graff, Fire Chief Bialk, Executive Assistant Kowalchuk, press and interested public

Others Present: Steve Doberfuhl, Erick Hackert

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

1) Deer Culling Program

Referencing the deer/vehicle collision statistics provided by Chief Graff, Chairman Pukaite noted that there did not seem to be a correlation between the number of deer harvested to a reduction in deer/vehicle collisions; Mequon's deer/vehicle collisions have remained fairly steady per year despite culling.

Steve Doberfuhl (contractor) expressed that deer culling is done as maintenance, and suggested that the collision numbers would most likely go up if the culling program were discontinued. He provided a map wherein he plotted the deer road kills picked up by the DNR.

Discussion included no public outcry for this program, high number of citizen complaints about the program itself, no data on Mequon's deer population, and a suggestion of public education on peak deer movement during the mid-October to November months.

Moved by Alderman Leszczynski, seconded by Alderman Pukaite to suspend the deer culling program indefinitely until a greater need is seen. The motion passed with a majority voice vote and one opposed.

2) Adjourn

Moved by Alderman Hawkins, seconded by Alderman Leszczynski to adjourn at 6:30 pm. The motion passed by voice acclamation.

Respectfully Submitted,
Diane Kowalchuk
Executive Assistant
Committee Approved 12-14-15