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MEMORANDUM

To: Parks & Recreation Park Board
From: Michelle Dujardin, Interim Parks & Recreation Director
Date: September 11, 2023
Re: Geese Control on Cravath & Trippe Lake

Common Council Person Lisa Dawsey Smith requested update on geese control on Cravath & Trippe Lake.

August 7th: Waterfowl permit letters went out to all past permit applicants. The letter is presented below:

Waterfowl Permit Requestors,

We are looking forward to a successful season in 2023. The following is required in order to participate in the program:

- A \$20 fee will be charged to anyone requesting a permit to cover the cost of the criminal background investigation and administrative time in processing the permit.
- Anyone requesting a permit will need to submit proof of approval to be on property owner's land. You must obtain this written proof each year and attach with your permit application. If you are hunting from a boat on one of the lakes, please indicate this on the permit form.
- The season has been broken into "mini-permit" seasons. Only 10 permits will be issued for each zone in each "mini" season.
- Hunting will be allowed 7 days a week within the established DNR seasons and the City issued permits. Exception: hunting program at Moraine View Park
- Requests are allowed for more than one "mini" season. Each requestor only needs to pay the \$20.00 permit fee once, no matter how many permits you are applying for.

A friendly reminder that the success of the waterfowl hunting program is dependent on hunters being respectful of the environment and the rights of the property owners along the lakes.

- All hunters must have written permission to be on private property
- All hunters must have permission to use existing blinds

- No blinds should be constructed without the permission of the property owner
- There should be no cutting of trees, bushes and grasses to build blinds without permission from the effected landowner
- Only those with permits issued by the City are allowed to hunt
- If you obtain permission to hunt on private property, please coordinate with the property owner regarding dates and times that you plan to hunt
- Please note that all of the land around the lakes within the approved hunting zones requires land owner permission and that WE Energies and ATC do not allow hunting on their land.

As there are a number of residential areas along the lakes, I ask all hunters to be mindful of community residents and property owners. I would like to highlight the following statement from the permit,

“I understand that safety will be adhered to at all times regardless of legal permit and that no hunting is allowed within 100 yards of any street, highway, or occupied building. I further understand that any violation of this permit or any of the fish and game laws of the State of Wisconsin will automatically revoke this permit. I understand I must have written permission for hunting on private property and must carry that permission at all times while hunting on that property.”

In 2023, we will again include Moraine View Park as a hunting area on the weekends in November and December. This will provide a limited opportunity to hunt on public land that will not need landowner permission. A large detention pond exists in the park and it is my hope that the hunting program will assist in controlling the geese population at this location.

In addition, unless you are hunting from a boat or at Moraine View Park – you will need permission from the landowner to be on private property. WE Energies and ATC have informed us that they do not allow hunting from their property – please keep this in mind this season.

We have again broken the season into several permit options. If you are interested in multiple permits, please rank the season you are most interested in as your #1 choice, second most interested as #2, etc. Failure to do this may result in a delay in processing your permit request. If you are interested in all 10 permits, you must rank them from 1-10.

Thank you for interest and assistance in controlling the waterfowl population in Whitewater. If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact Jennifer French at (262) 458-2721 or via email at jfrench@whitewater-wi.gov

The completed permit application should be sent to:
Whitewater Parks & Recreation
Waterfowl Hunting Program
312 W Whitewater Street
Whitewater, WI 53190

Application Deadlines:

Early Season: August 25, 2023.

Regular Season: September 6, 2023

Sincerely,
Parks, Recreation

August 28th: Early season permits distributed. 5 Permits on Cravath; 10 Permits on Trippe