

WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
RECOMMENDATIONS TO SRB CITY COUNCIL
ACCEPTED AND ADOPTED BY THE SRB CITY COUNCIL
OCTOBER 20, 2016

Members of the Wildlife Management Committee present at the October 11, 2016 meeting concurred in forwarding to the SRB City Council for consideration and action as appropriate a proposal containing the following recommendations based upon the original nine items from the June 18 WMC meeting, reviewed by the City Council and subsequently included in the mail-in property owner survey. The recommendations were reviewed and adopted by the SRB City Council at their stated meeting of October 20, 2016.

1. Volunteer driving deer population survey – recommended to be conducted each year for the next two years (2017, 2018) and then reevaluated for possible change in frequency
2. Deer opinion survey of property owners – recommended to be included every three years with the SRB phone book update mail-out (to offset costs) with an option to use the internet Survey Monkey to provide the information electronically. Survey questions should be consistent each time for comparison purposes.
3. Education information concerning the feeding of the deer, the related City ordinance and the impacts – recommended to be provided on an ongoing basis utilizing the City web site, Nextdoor SRB, SRB Welcome packets and other venues as appropriate.
4. Texas Parks and Wildlife Depredation Permit for the SRB airport to harvest deer for public safety reasons – recommended to go forward with this action with the following requirements:
 - a. Development of a complete action and safety plan for the execution of this permit
 - b. Favorable review of the plan by TPW representative
 - c. Approval of the plan by the SRB City Council
 - d. Application for the Depredation Permit with TPW
 - e. Deer harvesting at the SRB airport in accordance with the Permit requirements
5. Neighboring ranchers to increase doe hunting – recommended a letter be sent from the City to ranchers outlining the suggestion to increase hunting on their property as a way of helping with deer population control. Include information on the use of the deer meat by food pantries to help feed those in need.
6. Allowing deer hunting on Agricultural land plots of greater than 10 acres within the City limits – recommended to take no action on this suggestion at this time due to the complexity of action plan development, safety issues and negative perceptions in the community.
7. Engaging Orion Research and Management Services to harvest deer – recommended to take no action at this time primarily due to the cost involved of \$300/deer harvested.
8. Changing the SRB City ordinances prohibiting fire arm discharge and hunting within the city limits – recommended no action be taken until the Depredation Permit action and safety plan is approved. Narrow changes specifically for the SRB airport then to be submitted for Council review and approval.
9. Use of SRB property tax money to offset deer harvesting costs – recommended no property tax money be used for this purpose.