



Meeting: Village Board
Meeting Date: 8/22/11
Agenda Item: 5g

Mission Statement

Delivering quality services in a courteous, cost-effective and efficient manner.

VILLAGE BOARD MEETING STAFF REPORT

REPORT TO: Burt R. McIntyre, President
Village Board of Trustees

REPORT FROM: Chris Haltom, Executive Director of Administrative Services

CONSET AGENDA ITEM: Approve Ordinance 2011-15 Related to No Trapping in Parks

POLICY ISSUE

Does the Village Board desire to prohibit trapping of animals in village parks?

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Staff is working on park signage in conjunction with the stewardship grants that were obtained at the time of purchasing various village parks. The signs are required to state if trapping of animals is allowed or not allowed in the parks. Staff believes that trapping is not allowed as no hunting is allowed in parks; however, the ordinances do not specifically list trapping as a prohibited activity.

The attached ordinance specifically modifies the no hunting in parks language to include no trapping (the red text is the only modification to the ordinance). Howard parks have been no hunting areas for a very long time (except for permitted hunts such as in Gordon Nauman Conservancy). The ordinance modification is very minor and will be included on the consent agenda.

PRIOR ACTION/REVIEW

The Village Board approved no hunting in parks, though staff cannot tell the exact date this occurred as there is a reference to the year 2000 in our current ordinances but no hunting has occurred many years prior to this year (estimating back into the early 1980s or 1970s).

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Village staff recommends the Village Board approve Ordinance 2011-15 as part of the consent agenda.

POLICY ALTERNATIVE(S)

Make other modifications to the proposed ordinance or leave as is.

ATTACHMENTS

- I. Ordinance 2011-15

ORDINANCE 2011-15

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING AND RECREATING SECTION 28-21(8) OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE VILLAGE OF HOWARD RELATED TO NO TRAPPING IN PARKS

THE VILLAGE BOARD OF THE VILLAGE OF HOWARD, BROWN COUNTY, WISCONSIN, HEREBY ORDAINS THAT SECTIONS 28-21(8) OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE VILLAGE OF HOWARD, BE REPEALED AND RECREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Sec. 28-21. - Unlawful conduct prohibited.

It shall be unlawful for any person to commit any of the following acts in or upon any park within the village:

(8) **Hunting/Trapping.** Hunting ~~is~~ **and Trapping are** prohibited in all parks except by special permit issued by the village clerk's office.

SECTION 2. All ordinances or parts of ordinances, in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. This ordinance shall take effect upon its adoption and publication.

Adopted this 22nd day of August, 2011.

Burt R. McIntyre, Village President

Robert Bartelt, Village Administrator/Clerk

Date of Publication: 8/26/2011