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Mr. Johnson,

Thank you for taking the time to meet with Bob Porch and myself. Per our meeting on Thursday, August 22, 2013 regarding the initial request for a Special Purpose Deer Control Permit by the Town of Ogden Dunes, please note the following request for documentation:

As we discussed, the applicant (Town of Ogden Dunes), can address other issues in the request for a Special Purpose Deer Control Permit, but consideration will only be given to that portion that specifically addresses the issue of property being damaged or threatened with damage. Detailed evidence/documentation of direct deer damage (loss of property) is needed. This documentation can be in the form of pictures with the owners name, address and actual cost or dollar estimates associated with that damage. Any e-mails the council has received from Ogden Dunes residents (property owners) documenting damage can be submitted. **You have mentioned residential areas, yards, landscaping, gardens, common areas and that some residents have had to apply spray deterrents.**

Information Requested:

Applicant – Town of Ogden Dunes, address, etc.

Name & Title of Principal Officer

Type of Permit – Special Purpose Deer Control Permit

Description of the Area and Brief History of the Conflict – The location (political township, township, range and sections or address and size of area). Describe in detail the extent of damage caused by the deer. As stated above, documentation can be in the form of pictures with the owners name, address and actual cost or dollar estimates associated with that damage. Any e-mails the council has received from Ogden Dunes residents (property owners) documenting damage can be submitted. We would also request another "Snapshot Assessment of the Vegetation within the Town of Ogden Dunes- With observations and interpretations and effects of deer foraging".

Authority – Specifically site your legal authority to act on behalf of those being affected and to conduct such activities on the lands where the sharp shooting will occur.

Goal – Long term objectives of your shooting plan.

Alternatives – a review of other alternatives to sharp shooting including the reason that these are not viable.

Time Period of the Permit – Date Effective, Date Expired.

Number of Deer to be Taken

Who Will be Conducting the Cull – Personnel (how and why the individuals were selected). Designated shooters (Names) must be provided to the Indiana DNR District Wildlife Biologist.

Methods of Take – What methods, equipment (ex. type of firearm), and aids (bait, elevated stands) will be used to perform the sharp shooting.

Lead Contact – list the contact information for the designated individual, including a phone number and e-mail address who affected individuals can contact immediately about any concerns during the sharp shooting operation. **You have mentioned the Town Marshall.**

Utilization – Discuss how the deer will be utilized or disposed of.

Public Information Plan – list all efforts that have been undertaken to discuss the problem with affected individuals. List all efforts that will be undertaken to inform affected individuals as the plan is implemented. **You have mentioned the town's website and video, etc.**

Long Term Management Plan – proposed management techniques to be employed once sharp shooting has been completed to meet long term objectives of the sharp shooting plan. **You have mentioned setting up a meeting with the Dunes National Lakeshore, etc.**

Safety Issues – discuss all safety issues and how these issues will be specifically addressed during sharp shooting operations.

-Discuss how the deer carcasses will be handled while in public view (being transported from designated shooting site to vehicle).

-Shooting sites must be identified and designated. As stated above, you will need to site your legal authority to act and conduct sharp shooting activities on the lands (site) where the sharp shooting will occur. **You have mentioned an area by the Firehouse, Sand Track East and Serenity Park..**

Please send this documentation to Bob Porch, District Wildlife Biologist, 8163 Oak Tree Drive, Rensselaer, IN 47978. The towns request and documentation will then be forwarded for review.

Sincerely,

Patrick Mayer
North Region Private Lands Supervisor