

BOROUGH OF HIGHLAND PARK  
NO. 10-20-272

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PREPARATION OF A DEER MANAGEMENT PLAN

RESOLUTION: Public Safety Committee

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Borough Council have received numerous concerned calls and emails from residents regarding Highland Park's deer population; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Borough Council are concerned about the negative impact that Highland Park's deer population are having on the Borough's natural areas, neighborhoods, quality of life, and public health and safety; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Borough Council have been presented information regarding deer management from the wildlife biologists at the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection's (NJDEP) Division of Fish & Wildlife and have hosted two work sessions on the issue, soliciting input from the Environmental Commission, Board of Health, Sustainable Highland Park, Meadows Trail volunteers, and Native Plant Sanctuary, and have invited public comment throughout the process; and

WHEREAS, the Borough's 14-acre Meadows property has been identified by the NJDEP's Division of Fish & Wildlife as an appropriate location for a controlled deer hunt with bow and arrow; and

WHEREAS, the Borough commissioned a drone study to identify areas of high deer density throughout the Borough which identified Donaldson Park and the adjacent Meadows property as having the highest deer density in the Borough; and

WHEREAS, during the work session at the September 15, 2020 Council Meeting, the Mayor and members of Borough Council expressed interest in reviewing a Deer Management Plan that would include the logistical and safety details for a controlled bow hunt on the Borough's 14-acre Meadows property as well as non-lethal and regional deer management strategies.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park in Middlesex County that

1. The Borough Administrator is hereby authorized to develop a multi-strategy Deer Management Plan as outlined above.
2. The Deer Management Plan is to be considered and voted on by Borough Council prior to implementation.
3. A certified copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to the Borough Administrator forthwith.

ADOPTED: October 6, 2020

ATTEST:

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Joan Hullings, Borough Clerk

I, Joan Hullings, Borough Clerk of the Borough of Highland Park, New Jersey, do hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Borough Council of said Borough on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2020.

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Joan Hullings, Borough Clerk

RECORD OF COUNCIL VOTES

Council Member	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent
Canavera				
Fine				
Foster				
George				
Hale				
Kim-Chohan				