

TO: Board of Commissioners  
FROM: Rob Sperl, Director of Parks and Planning  
Deb Seymour, Superintendent of Parks  
THROUGH: Michael Benard, Executive Director  
RE: Goose Management Services 2020-2022  
DATE: March 12, 2020

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**SUMMARY:**

The Wheaton Park District has utilized goose management services since at least 2010. These services utilize a combination of trained dogs, boats, and other ways to encourage the geese to leave the parks. These services visit each park 7 days a week at varying times to avoid geese getting used to a set schedule. This reduces the resident populations of Canada geese that do not migrate. If they are not chased from the parks, they will nest and the new generations will continue to return to the parks.

The parks we have employed these services at include: Rathje, Northside and Central Athletic Complex. Previously we had done Seven Gables as well, but have left this off due to resident concerns. The contract is for the months of March through June and September through November.

Proposals were solicited from three contractors. All three submitted and the results were as follows:

Geese Police	\$ 5,525 (with a 2% discount for final 2 years, total \$5,400.00)
Knox Swan	\$ 9,800*
Wild Goose Chase	\$13,300*

\*Other companies were willing to hold their initial prices for all three years.

Following input from the subcommittee meeting, services for Arrowhead were discussed with Geese Police. They offered a cost of \$250/week or \$1,000/month to control geese on the entire course. With Arrowhead accounting for approximately 215 acres verses the cumulative 94 acres for the other parks, we feel this is a fair price. Arrowhead staff would like the ability to utilize the services on an as needed basis to minimize impact to the course and the cost of this service. The most we could use them during the active goose season would be 7 months equating to \$7,000.

**PREVIOUS COMMITTEE/BOARD ACTION:**

Previous services from Geese Police were approved by the board in March 2019.

**REVENUE OR FUNDING IMPLICATIONS:**

Funds are budgeted annually in 10-101-000-52-5211-0000 for Goose Management services. Arrowhead services would be drawn from the Arrowhead operating budget.

**STAKEHOLDER PROCESS:**

N/A

**LEGAL REVIEW:**

Our standard contractual services agreement was be used.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Summary of monthly costs

**ALTERNATIVES:**

N/A

**RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the Wheaton Park District Board of Commissioner's approve the agreement in the amount of \$16,325 from Geese Police for 2020-2022 and an annual not to exceed amount of \$7,000 for Arrowhead Golf Club.