



**Wildlife Committee
Minutes of Meeting
April 28, 2018**

Present: Stephen Lucas, Susan Gray, Cecil Jones, Bill Clister, Pete Konyndyk

Absent: Uma Gopinath (Gopi), Pedro Rodriguez

Topics:

1. Muscovy Duck Removal – Cecil
 - a. As of 4/18, 84 ducks removed
 - b. PMG contacted Cecil about ordering new “Do Not Feed The Ducks” signs. Several homeowners have complained and requested signs be placed in their area, especially where people have been feeding them. Cecil updated and resent maps showing locations for signs to be placed. No response from PMG.
 - c. Cecil sent an article to PMG concerning duck egg collection from nests, to run in the monthly printed newsletter. Article sent to PMG 1/30 and again 2/25. Article has not yet appeared in the newsletter.
 - d. Pete is going to take an inventory to see what the current count is and which lakes have the largest concentrations
2. Newsletter Article – Pete
 - a. Submit an annual series of articles to be published in GL Newsletter
 - b. Don’t Feed the Ducks – Feb /March
 - c. Use Barbless Fish Hooks – Sept/Oct
 - d. Hummingbird/Butterfly Garden – Gopi to Write
3. Butterfly/Hummingbird Garden – Susan/Pete
 - a. IMS has weeded the garden and replaced some of the plants that died. The dead fountain grass needs to be replaced.
 - b. Girl Scouts are interested in working on the garden
 - c. Pete has talked to two businesses which appear to be interested in helping with the butterfly garden, at their cost. Each will present a plan to the committee. Committee needs to decide if we want to enlarge/improve the existing garden, or to build one or two gardens in the same “corridor” near RAE, or another location.
 - d. Regardless of whether new gardens are installed, the committee still wants to implement Phase 2 of our plan, which would address installing a path from the walking path to the garden, installing a bench, installing a concrete or stone border, installing signs that explain the life cycle of the monarch and why it is important to provide host

and nectar plants for them, and signs that have the name of the plants. We need to get an estimate for each improvement and present to the HOA Board for funding.

- e. Funding could come from the "Landscape Install" budget item (\$27,500) or the "Landscape Other" budget item (\$65,600)

4. Lake Management – All
 - a. Issues
 - i. Damage to lakes and fishery after Hurricane Harvey
 - ii. Designate five lakes, one in each section, to be managed for Largemouth Bass
 - iii. Create structures as habitat
 - iv. Create spawning structures
 - b. Mac McCune from Lake Management Services (LMS) attended our March meeting and reviewed those issues. Mac has submitted a three-year plan to address them.
 - c. Benefits of this plan would be to reduce annual fish stocking costs and provide better fishing.
 - i. Stocking only 5 lakes instead of 20+
 - ii. Promote natural spawning
 - d. Committee members are studying the proposal and will provide feedback to Stephen
 - e. Committee to make any desired changes and resubmit to LMS for new cost estimate
 - f. Committee to take proposal to HOA BOD for approval and funding.
 - g. Estimated approximate costs for the three-year plan are \$18,800 (year 1), \$9,500 (year 2), \$8,000 (year 3).
 - h. Funding could come from the “Fish Stocking” budget item (\$12,000), or “Lake Repair & Maintenance” (\$115,000).
5. Repair of the planting boxes on the older lakes, which are in disrepair, falling apart, unsightly. Committee to inventory lakes and put together a proposal to do the work. Funds could come from “Lake Repair & Maintenance” (\$115,000).
 - a. Committee suggests that we contract the work through LMS since they have knowledge of the work that needs to be done and the skill and qualifications to do the work (or hire subcontractors).