

Wildlife Committee Meeting
February 7, 2016
Working Meeting

Committee Members Present:

Stephen Lucas; Pedro Rodriguez; Dirk Smit; Susan Gray; Cecil Jones; Stephanie Waters

Proceedings:

Meeting Called to Order at 3:00 Playground Park behind frog pool in Section I South

Approval of last week's minutes

Old Business

- 1) Community Education: Susan – draft flyer – focused on no feeding of ducks & nest control
 - a. Need more signage – Cecil has contacted Frank. Signs (7-8) in storage are small; will need bigger signs. Cecil & Pedro will get map to Frank where signs need to go
 - b. Article in newsletter (front page), separate mailing, website, and facebook – need board approval
- 2) Surveys – Continue Surveys (weekly) for February
- 3) Duck Sterilization: feeding stations: reduction of future problems - Cecil/Stephanie - contact a few removal companies to get pricing & egg sterilization options (OvoControl)
- 4) Options for captured ducks: Stephen – continue to explore options for handling ducks after capture – FFA, duck farms, processing for food at homeless shelters, etc
- 5) Pools: Stephen has left several messages with pool company to ask about dimensions of pool so we can look into tarps to cover water.
- 6) Open meetings – all members agreed that we should not have open committee meetings. We will need to get board to change charter

New Business

- 1) Per CDC, recommendation is 2-3 ducks per water acre:
 - a. Explore getting rid of all Muscovy Ducks and replace with Mallard or other local native species that do not produce so fast – Cecil will check with A-1 and possible other companies
 - b. Reduce current Muscovy population to recommended size through sterilization, attrition and removal
- 2) If we get rid of ducks through euthanization (as prescribed by law), can we donate meat to food bank? Cost? Legal restrictions? Stephanie to see what options are available.
- 3) Explore volunteer days (once a quarter or monthly) for residents to clean up after ducks – scrub sidewalks.
- 4) Gather facts and options – allow a neighborhood election
- 5) Next HOA Board meeting is February 22nd, Have a presentation of options ready

Next Meeting

Saturday, February 20, 2016 – 9am (place -TBD)