

Wildlife Committee Meeting
January 31, 2016
Organizational Meeting

Committee Members Present:

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

Proceedings:

Meeting Called to Order at 3:00 Barnyard Park in Section III

No Old Business

New Business

1) Topics Discussed

- a. Nesting - Immediate priority: The more we eggs we remove the less that might have to be dealt with at a later time
- b. Community Education –
 - i. People will feed ducks – they do not know this is harmful for ducks and neighborhood
 - ii. Do we need more signage
 - iii. Article in newsletter, separate mailing, website, and facebook
- c. Surveys –
 - i. we need to know how many ducks are living on our lakes;
 - ii. how much population needs to be reduced?
- d. Duck Sterilization – feeding stations: reduction of future problems
- e. Options for captured ducks
 - i. We would all prefer better options than to euthanize these ducks
- f. Pools –
 - i. Feces in pool; pictures of ducks swimming in pools
 - ii. Do we have any options to discourage ducks to stay out of pool?
- g. Open meetings – all members agreed that we should not have open committee meetings. We will need to get board to change charter

2) Actions

- a. Susan – draft flyer – focused on no feeding of ducks & nest control
- b. Cecil/Stephanie - contact a few removal companies to get pricing & egg sterilization options
- c. All – monitor ponds to count ducks & to assess “Do Not Feed Ducks” signage
- d. Stephen – explore options for handling ducks after capture – FFA, duck farms, processing for food at homeless shelters, etc
- e. Stephen - Get with Pool company to see if they can recommend any solutions to keep ducks off of premises and out of pool
- f. Dirk – forward OvoControl (duck feeder sterilization) information to the team

Next Meeting

Sunday, February 7, 2016 - 3pm (place -TBD)