

# **Environ Wildlife Committee**

## **Monthly Meeting**

### **September 1, 2004**

#### Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Wildlife Committee of Environ was called to order at 7 pm, Wednesday, 1 September 2004, at the Environ Pool. Due to the key for the clubhouse did not work, the meeting was held at the pool. The presiding officer was Catherine Burke (Vice Chairperson). A quorum was present, including the following: Mary Moneymaker and Susan Woolridge. Absent were Ioana Hance (Chairperson) and Nilsa Hairston-Proctor (Secretary). The following members were also present:

Danny Benn  
Jackie Benn  
Sharon Grippe  
Jan Kavan  
Andrea Keller  
Alicia Lombardo  
John Parker  
Kathy Smail

#### Meeting Minutes

August monthly meetings were approved.

#### New Business

#### **Bulletin Board**

Erecting a bulletin Board around the pond to educate residence on the care and feeding of wildlife was discussed. We discussed that people are feeding the geese at the pond. Residents are throwing all kinds of food, to include dinner leftovers, out for the geese. Many of the food items are not eaten by the geese. The food will attract rodents. Andrea Keller agreed to contact contractors regarding cost. Catherine Burke agreed to provide a picture of Waterview's bulletin board so that the board would be similar to one already in the community. We would like the bulletin board to be freestanding with a small overhang with plexiglass doors. We agreed that the bulletin board should be placed near the benches **on the Leman Lake side** where it would be noticed. This would also be in an open area to hopefully discourage vandalism. Once we have our estimates, we will submit a proposal to Environ.

#### **Trash at the Pond**

We agreed that we want to review what the Environ board has done in the past in contacting the shopping centers prior to our agreement to take on this task. We also want prior assistance offered by the county. If we take this under, we may ask for the assistance of GOCA. A member of GOCA was present and she agreed that she would inquire at the next GOCA meeting (9/14 at 7:45pm) whether this is something that they could consider in providing assistance to us.

### Other Business

#### **Geese**

We are going to request that Shireen Ambush supply the Geese folder that she agreed to supply at the July Environ Homeowners meeting.

#### **Pond**

We discussed that the recent mowing of the grass surrounding pond as counterproductive to discouraging geese from using the pond. We talked about looking into vegetation that would discourage geese. We thought we would look into bitter grasses that the geese do not like. We thought this would be cheaper than plants or spraying. Catherine Burke agreed to contact Geese Peace to see if they tried planting grass seed, whether or not birds ate the seed, and find out if they could offer any precautions, experiences, and suggestions. We discussed that the Wildlife Committee may consider offering to do the planting of the seed to save money.

#### **Rodents**

We noted that we were not sure if the rodent issue was discussed at the last Environ meeting. A rodent was seen in the pond area. We are going to inquire to Environ on what their plans are for controlling rodents.

### Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 8:04 pm.