

**AD HOC WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
OPEN HOUSE MEETING MINUTES
October 15, 2007, 6:30 p.m., COURT ROOM**

1. Call meeting to order.

Present: Chairman Hughes and Trustee Schoenecker

Absent: Ms. Reinders, Ms. Saucier, Dr. Haskell, Lt. Schell, Ms. Houston, and Mr. Kolstad

Also Present: Eileen Cauley, Jim Cauley, Leslie Smith, Joe Coffey, Judy Hickee, Brian Glenzinski, Chief Gage, Mr. De Angelis, Ms. Mitchell, and the press

2. Review and act on Ad Hoc Wildlife Management Committee meeting minutes dated June 11, 2007.

A quorum was not present, so the approval of minutes was tabled.

3. Presentation regarding Ad Hoc Wildlife Management Committee work to date including established review and decision making process, information gathering, and potential courses of action.

Hughes presented the committee findings and recommendations.

4. Public Comment Period

There was a question about who could apply for a sharp shooting permit and if other governing bodies would abide to the Village's recommendations. Brian Glenzinski from the DNR responded that any governing body could apply for the permit, which could include neighborhoods. All governing bodies should abide by the Village's Wildlife Management Program. Representatives from Wildlife Management Services were present and discussed how sharp shooters determine the order of deer to harvest. Sharp shooters prefer to first harvest injured deer, then adult does because they can typically harvest two to three deer since the females usually are carrying fawns, then antler less deer, and lastly bucks.

Smith asked if geese were euthanized and Mitchell responded they are euthanized after being taken from the park.

Gage noted that he was not originally for sharp shooting, but does recommend it now after learning about the safety of it and that it is the most humane method to harvest deer along with being the most economical. Schoenecker added that the wildlife management issue is not easy to deal with, since it's emotional for most people. She added that safety was the number one priority of the program followed by humanity and economics.

Schoenecker stated that the next step for the approval of the Wildlife Management Program is to have the Public Safety Committee review it at the November meeting and then the committee will make a recommendation to the Board of Trustees.

5. Other business

None

6. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy Mitchell
Recreation Director