

Health, Education, & Welfare

Minutes of May 9, 2016

Attending: Natalie Wolf (chair), Ray Warren (committee member), Elida Kamine (committee member), Scot Lahrmer, Lt. Brian Blum, Louis Katz, Ken Williamson, Gregory Ballman, Tom Muething, Kathie Kramer, Josephine Rosenblum, Ronna Willis, Bill Doering, James Willis, Peg Conway

The meeting was called to order and the minutes from 4/11/16 were approved.

The purpose of the meeting was to review the aerial infrared deer count.

Lt. Blum presented the following statistics:

March 23, 2013	Deer Count	184 deer in the village; 50 in the buffer zone (239)
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March 18, 2016	Deer Count	152 deer in the village; 96 in the buffer zone (248)
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2013 Deer culled	22	
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2014 Deer culled	43	(add'l 39 found dead or euthanized)
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2015 Deer culled	39	(add'l 36 found dead or euthanized)
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Lt. Blum reported that there has not been a noticeable reduction in deer-related motor vehicle accidents.

Amberley's deer policy allows up to 50 deer to be culled/year without additional approval of council. Also, Cincinnati allows bow hunting of deer on 5 contiguous acres of land.

Scot Lahrmer will look into whether it is appropriate for Council to pass an ordinance prohibiting feeding of deer. Scot was also going to get more information related to how many deer each dot on the map represents.

Citizens, Greg Ballman and Ken Williamson requested to speak at the meeting and presented evidence of the abundance of deer on Lynhaven. They counted 34 deer between Ridge Rd. and his home on Lynhaven. Photos were presented to the committee of deer herds and plant damage. General discussion about Lyme disease and deer ticks. A handout was distributed titled "More Deer Equals More Lyme Disease"

Lt. Blum stated that it is getting more difficult to control the herd because only two areas are considered conducive to culling (French Park and Amberley Green). Louis Katz reiterated his opinion that the village can support all of the deer. He disputed the results of the aerial count.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.