

Common Property and Forest Committee

2010 Annual Committee Report

January 10, 2011

Membership:

Dan Webb – Chairman
Ruth Kosoglow – Vice Chairman
Steve Romine
Fred Jonas
David Cohen
Bruce Caverly

Board Liaisons:

Jim Owen

Staff Representatives:

Steve White – Planning & Inspections Director
Brenda Pate - Secretary

The CP&F Committee in 2010 had one committee member resign in June and was not replaced for the rest of the year. The vacant position will be filled for the February meeting. We had 3 committee members terms expire this year. Two have agreed to extend their service and one will not continue.

Request for permits in 2010 were very slow due to lack of new home starts and the economy, which is one in the same. During the year we routinely handled resident request to clean up common property (Class I), cut trees on common property (Class II), and dredge lake bottoms around boat docks (Class III). We also investigated complaints pertaining to the miss-use of common property. The following is a summary of permits issued with pre and post inspections completed.

CP&FC Issued January 2010 to December 2010

Class I Permits - 10
Class II Permits - 3
Class III Permits - 2
Complaints - 14
Annual Maintenance Agreements – 9
Total of all permits and complaints handled in 2010 - 38
2009 23 - 2008 25 - 2007 35 - 2006 49 - 2005 31

We had an increase in Class I permits, Class III and Annual Maintenance Agreements, and a decline in Class II permits. The total number of permits for 2010 was up by fifteen for the year. The miss-use of common property was handled by Steve White and the CP&F Committee members. A Committee member(s) reviewed the complaint, visited the site, and wrote a site report to the Committee. The Committee reviewed a total of fourteen complaints compared to six last year. All were resolved and brought back into compliance with Common Property policy and guidelines.

Deer Incident Reports and History

2001 – 16	2005 – 35	2009 - 64
2002 – 21	2006 – 49	2010 - 43
2003 – 21	2007 – 82	
2004 – 33	2008 – 73	

Our annual deer count conducted each year by the ADG&F indicates a marked increase in deer population over the last two years. The Public Works Dept. report that 50% of all auto accidents within the village are due to car/deer accidents. This increase most likely can be attributed to a number of factors;

- 1.) Increase number of residents and traffic on our roadways
- 2.) Expanding population base at the east end of the Village
- 3.) Most car/deer incidents occurred during the October to December timeframe This is the time when deer are the most active.
- 4.) It is estimated that we have a population of 3500 deer.
- 5.) It must also be stated that a large number of deer accidents are not reported.

Due to the increased population of deer within the village and complaints from homeowners and vehicle owners it was time to consider a game management plan within the village. After discussions with ADG&F and Staff and carefully considering a number of options, it was decided that a controlled deer hunt with bow and arrow would be the best alternative to controlling the deer herd. A plan was put together by Staff, Public Safety and ADG&F and presented to the POA Board of Directors and approved for a controlled 2 week hunt in September 13-25, 2010. The deer hunt was successful in that no violations were reported during the two weeks of the hunt. A total of 320 deer permits were issued and an estimated 60 to 70 hunters participated. A total of 162 deer were killed with the first Doe donated to the Arkansas Feed the Hungry (approximately 88 Doe were killed). The donations amounted to 25,000 meals contribution. Weather conditions were the cause and effect of low turnout and lack of deer killed. A second deer hunt will be held for two weeks beginning January 10, 2011.

Geese Management

The CP&F Committee goals for 2011 are to improve its geese management program. We will do this with the collaboration of the Arkansas Humane Society. It is estimated that at any point in time the geese population in the Village is 1,000. The geese create a nuisance and disease factor in the Village. We will attempt to improve the oiling of eggs/nest, as we oiled 36 nest and 117 eggs last year.

The **Forest Management Plan** for thinning pine trees on Common Property has completed phase 6 and beginning phase 7. Due to the economic downturn in the economy, the price of timber has declined. As we move to smaller common property tracts, we have chosen to work with a smaller timber contractor who is capable of moving into these areas with smaller equipment and doing less damage to the forest floor. So far this has worked our very well for both the POA and the contractor. To date, this program has generated in excess of \$650 K to the POA General Fund.

We continue to work with the ACC and Lakes and Water Management Committee on issues of common interest and have had good cooperation.

We will lose 1 member of our committee in March 2011. Ruth Kosoglow will be moving on to other volunteer programs in the Village. We appreciate her service and Vice Chairman contributions. Good luck on your next endeavor. Two candidates were interviewed to replace Ruth and a recommendation will be made to the POA Board.

A **Firewise Community** which is headed by Henry Browder was again approved by the State for 2010. This is due to the POA cutting along all roads, and residents keeping debris away from home sites.

In closing, the committee would like to sincerely thank Brenda Pate, our secretary, and Steve White, Planning & Inspections Dept. Director for all their help and assistance during this past year. Their prompt handling of agendas, permit request submissions, complaint resolution and replies to residents have been exceptional.

Respectfully submitted,

Dan Webb

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Chairman, Common Property & Forest Committee
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This report submitted to: POA Board of Directors

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