

Meeting with Paul Hellman on 11 5 15

Hal Bardon, Dave Guilliams, Bill Penney and I met with Paul Hellman.

Paul is with ***Alford Wildlife & Pest Management*** and is a wildlife consultant. He has been in the industry in multiple states for almost 10 years. ***Alford*** has been in business for 3 years.

Hal Bardon arranged this meeting, as was mentioned at the special Nov. 4th board meeting.

Paul looked at all the berms. The best thing to do, he said, would be to remove them because they are perfect habitats for attracting snakes. They are dangerous to people/dogs walking along the roadway.

He said he would not go into the berms because the height of them makes it too dangerous. Nor would he send his people in there. The height creates an ideal situation where a snake could strike a person in the chest. He said he would use a prod to look for snakes in the berms.

He explained water moccasins are travelers. They come and go. One day there would be no snakes, the next there could be several.

Paul said low-lying growth such as the hedges we have now would still attract snakes, but the snakes would come to feed and then leave.

The berms, Paul said, also provide a perfect atmosphere for diamond back rattlers and he would not be surprised if they eventually come.

Dave brought up the rocks by the pool and other grasses around the lake.

Both attract snakes, Paul said, and he suggested putting an invisible snake fence around the rocks to keep them from climbing near the pool. As far as the grasses around the lake, he said those are near the water, not the roadway, and don't pose the same danger.

Paul said his company could provide 2 services:

1. Remove as many snakes as possible (1 shot deal)
2. Ongoing maintenance

He has sent us a bid outlining the cost of his services

John Jensen
President of Saratoga Condominium Association