

Memorandum

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Date: 2/26/2016
To: Board of Supervisors
Cc: Deer Committee
From: Mark Gordon, Township Zoning Officer
Re: 2015 Deer Management Program (Archery Hunting)

Dear Board Members:

The 2015 Deer Hunting season has concluded and I have enclosed the results of the Archery Hunting program for your review and comment.

Twenty seven (27) Deer were harvested in the Township Openspace areas and no significant incidents or complaints were reported to the Township during the hunting season. The number of deer harvested in the open spaces increased by 3 in 2014.

There were two recommendations from the Archery Hunting Groups to improve the program.

1. It would be helpful if the Cloctower openspace Field, SW of the RCSTP, was not mowed in the fall. I spoke to Mark Miller about this and he needs to cut the field and has no problem cutting it prior to the beginning of the hunting season.
2. The hunting group in the Bowtree /Clocktower Openspace would like to plant a food plot of clover to help attract the deer. I spoke with Mark about this and he doesn't have a problem with this.

I would also add that the Township Staff is not receiving complaints about deer damage to landscaping, which we believe is directly attributed to the Deer Archery Hunting program.

The Deer Committee will accept Deer Management Group Applications for the 2016-17 Archery Season until May 3, 2016. The Committee will review all applications and hold their regularly scheduled public meeting on May 10th to discuss the applications and formulate a recommendation for the 2016-17 hunting season. I will forward the Deer Committee recommendation to the Board of Supervisors by mid June.