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**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
DEER COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
May 17, 2010**

The East Goshen Township Deer Committee held their regularly scheduled meeting on Monday May 17, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. at the East Goshen Township building. In attendance were: Jim McRee (chairman), Linda Polishuk, Matt Keating, Chuck Matasic and John Babiec. Also in attendance was Mark Gordon.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The chairman called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The chairman led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Matt moved to approve the minutes from November 16, 2009 and March 15, 2010. John seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

3. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

A. Jim Ryland resigned from the committee due to travel for his job. Because the committee has had problems meeting the quorum, Jim McRee asked the Board of Supervisors to either reduce the number of members or reduce the number needed for a quorum. The Board of Supervisors reduced the number of members on the committee from 7 to 5. Therefore the quorum will be 3.

B. The Board of Supervisors approved the Deer Management Ordinance. The Ordinance is based on the program that has been in place. If a lawsuit challenges anything, now there is an ordinance.

4. COMMUNICATION AND EDUCATION

Matt will email the article for the Newsletter to Mark, who may be able to get it in this Newsletter.

5. DEER MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

A. Jim gave the 2009 report to the Board of Supervisors, which showed that 31 deer were harvested against the goal of 36. Deer collisions appear to be down for the winter of 2009. A recommendation to authorize the four groups should be done in order to give them time to refresh their applications, mark the areas, and get set up in time for the 2010 season. Matt moved to recommend to the Board of Supervisors that they authorize, for the 2010-2011 season, the same 4 groups in the same locations as the 2009-2010 season. Linda seconded the motion. After discussion, Chuck moved to amend the motion to include using the same dates as the Game Commission with the exception of Thanksgiving Day, and the Friday and Saturday after, and the days between Christmas and New Year's. Matt seconded the motion to amend. Chuck moved to further amend the motion to include that the process of reporting, filing complaints, scheduling and additional

1 guidelines and procedures will remain the same. Matt seconded the motion to the
2 second amendment. There being no further discussion, the motion and
3 amendments passed unanimously.

4 Mark will contact the four groups. He will also prepare the recommendation for
5 the Board of Supervisors.
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7 **6. DEER VEHICLE COLLISIONS**

8 Jim reported that in March 2010 there were 6 collisions and 5 of them were on
9 State roads. In April 2010 there were 4 collisions.

10 Linda reported that, if the committee is approved for a Community
11 Redevelopment grant, a letter will be sent to the Township. If they don't get a
12 letter, then there is no grant. Linda contacted Ed who said he would give a 15%
13 discount on the roadway protection system, if we keep a log of vehicle collisions.
14 However, 70 units are still needed for one mile at a total cost of about \$8,000.
15 Jim reported that there has been no response about the grant for use in open space.
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17 **7. LYME DISEASE**

18 A. Mark reported that all 4-poster units have been installed. A few locations
19 were changed, i.e. there is one in Lochwood Chase now. The members asked for
20 a camera to be installed there. Chas ordered parts to make repairs this season, but
21 would like the committee to consider adding funds in their budget to replace a
22 unit each year. Jim will look into this.

23 B. Matt is encouraging the use of tick tubes in his article for the Newsletter.
24 Jim asked if the members wanted to give a recommendation for spraying. All
25 said no, no more chemicals.

26 C. Linda reported that the Connecticut handbook will be posted on East
27 Goshen's website.
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29 **8. ANY OTHER MATTER**

30 A. The Committee decided to hold regular meetings on the 3rd Monday of the
31 following months: February, May, August and November. The next regular
32 meeting will be held on August 16, 2010.

33 B. Population Model – Chuck reviewed his proposed model to track deer. He
34 started with 300 deer in 2008. The known numbers are collisions and deer
35 harvested. Variables are how many are hit but go off the road and how many are
36 harvested on private property. After a model like this is used for a few years, the
37 numbers will correct themselves. He is using 2 births per doe for population
38 growth.

39 When Jim started keeping data, he used the data from the collisions report to get a
40 male/female ratio. He also considered emigration and deaths due to
41 disease/predators. In 1995 there were 150 deer and in 2007 there were 300. In
42 2008 there were 90 collisions, 39 harvested, and an estimate of 22 for harvested
43 on private property.

44 John suggested comparing our numbers against other townships without a
45 program to see if ours are lower.
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1 **9. PUBLIC COMMENT**

2 None

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4 **10. ADJOURNMENT**

5 Matt moved to adjourn the meeting. Linda seconded the motion. The meeting
6 was adjourned at 8:30 p.m. The next meeting will be August 16, 2010.

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8 Respectfully submitted by:

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11 Ruth Kiefer, Recording Secretary

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