

**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
DEER MANAGEMENT COMMISSION
WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 21, 2008**

The East Goshen Township Deer Management Commission held a workshop meeting on Monday, April 21, 2008 at 7pm at the East Goshen Township Building. In attendance were: Chair, Jim McRee and members Walter Wujcik, Bob Huebner, Steve DiAntonio, Matt Keating, Al Zuccarello and Linda Polishuk, along with Mike Merwin (Township Building Inspector), Jack Yahraes (Municipal Authority) and Marty Shane (Board of Supervisors).

1. CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Chairman Jim McRee called the meeting to order at 7pm and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance. No one is recording the meeting.

2. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes of April 7, 2008 were reviewed and corrected. Jim moved that corrections be made, Matt seconded the motion. There was no further public comment or discussion. The motion was unanimously approved.

3. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

- A. Jim introduced John Livton who said he was open to anyone with a hunting license being permitted to being part of the hunt. The board discussed putting the number of positive and the number of negative comments together.
- B. The question was raised as to whether we have enough information, re. Scholarly or Peer reviewed articles. Linda didn't think the question was appropriate.
- C. Using parking tags was discussed Steve and Mark said they could follow the Ridgefield, Connecticut prototype. Chas updated GPS coordinates for 4 posters and Bob would ask Jim for the price so that they can advertise on a poster in the park. Jim will check within a month on progress.
- D. Jack Yahraes expressed thanks to Walt Senkow for his help in Keep East Goshen Beautiful Day.

4. NEW BUSINESS

- A. July 4th Info Program: The committee will need to discuss the program, to deal with the positive and negative, i.e. Posters, maps, 4-post feeders, tick tubes and photos.
- B. Should a public service message by the Lyme disease association be circulated?
- C. The board discussed handouts-such as booklets, key chains, or something more eye catching. Possibly the Dept. of Defenses tick card, (time is approximately 1 ½ - 2 hours to work on it)
- D. Bob will talk with Mark Miller or Frank about a tent or table.
- E. At this time there was also discussion concerning how many people would be there, and ideas on how to get people's attention. (Matt suggested T-shirts that say deer@eastgoshen.org). There was discussion of where the best spot to set up would be and the best materials to use. Matt will bring a new concept to the May 5th meeting.

5. FUTURE

- A. Jim stated that there would be a change in the structure of the committee, and that we would possibly be looking at having a sub committee to deal with Lyme disease, the deer population, etc.
- B. For the DMC there may be the need for 3-4 groups in 5 areas, and a hunting sub branch of 2-3 primary contacts. Bob stated that he wants to stay with Park & Recreation, and Walt wants to stay with the Conservancy Board. Linda suggested the possibilities of 4 areas with 2 board members for each and a chairman for the vote.
- C. Chas suggested an ABC have people who don't serve on more than 1 board. Al suggested looking into accidents in the area as well as vegetation problems and the possibility of a deer cam to watch was discussed, and a hunting sub branch of 2-3 contacts.

6. SURVEY COST

- A. It was discussed at this time that a survey for open space could possibly run \$700.00-\$1000.00 as of April 21, 2008.

7. CONCERN

- A. At this time the committee discussed the concern that possibly a hunter may follow a wounded deer into a home owner's backyard so as not to loose the wounded animal. But we're told hunters were aware they could leave a wounded animal for hours and then come back to get it, and it would still be alright.
- B. Discussion continued at this time on not paying for surveys and discussing the need of an actual property line. Clock Tower being newer would have pins in the ground, and metal detectors could be used.

8. RECOMMENDATIONS

- A. Jim handed out his recommendation survey at this point, which cost \$25,000 and Matt suggested Google Earth. Jim said Mark Miller and Rick Smith had other ideas for them.

9. DMC BUDGET

- A. It was guesstimated that \$25,000 would be approved. No additional cost to the township, just a portion of cost accruing. At the next meeting we would have the actual cost of materials, equipment and supplies for 3/08 and 4/08.
- B. Jim discussed a map to partner with the prior land program with Ashbridge which are or soon will be on PC, Applebrook Co-ops.

10. OLD BUSINESS QUESTIONS

- A. The commission discussed preferred times of year and day for hunting. Ed Hipkins wants to send a paper out to remind residents of the deer hunt. There was a discussion on marking hunting areas and how it should be done.
- B. Chas showed some of the rollers used at the 4-post feeder areas, and reported that 1 had been vandalized. It was discussed at this time that some places use red and white caution signs to make people aware the feeders are there, as they do at the Mill Creek unit # 6. Chas stated that this vandalism would cost approximately \$50.00.
- C. The private properties of Hershey Mill, Applebrook, Hadley and White Chimney wanted to know if they could buy 4-poster feeders in bulk to cut costs.

- D. Jim thanked Chas for his hard work and diligence. Jim also asked at this time if we want to do more at Applebrook and Applebrook Stone Bridge or wait until the next meeting, as Ashbridge is waiting to hear from them within the next week about the deer 4-poster feeders.
- E. Chas stated that the formula was 1.5 lbs per deer, and also brought up that the game commission would let him know if they need to pull the 4-post deer feeders for the hunt.

11. TRAFFIC ANALYSIS

- A. The commission discussed where accidents involving deer have occurred and if there are any patterns. There were previously 3-4 accidents in February of 2008. They still cannot determine a pattern. The commission may be able to get grants from insurance companies such as State Farm. There has been no judgment yet on the time frame and we need to know how to go forward with comparing this year to the same time last year. It was discussed that possibly we could use maps with colored tags to determine the years, but will we be able to have the maps ready for Election Day?

12. OTHER MATTERS

- A. Jack suggested we pursue a survey and call Williamson Trade School in Elwyn PA.
- B. It was decided we would talk about the 4th of July concept, 4- poster deer feeders and the future of the organization on May 5th. Since that will be 1-2 weeks before the June 2nd due date for a decision.

13. PUBLIC COMMENT-none

14. ADJOURNMENT

- A. Bob made a motion to adjourn, Walter seconded the motion. There was no further discussion or public comment. The meeting adjourned at 9:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted by: _____

Jeane Harvey, Recording Secretary