

**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
DEER MANAGEMENT COMMISSION
WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES
MAY 5, 2008**

The East Goshen Township Deer Management Commission held a workshop meeting on Monday, May 5, 2008 at 7 pm at the East Goshen Township Building. In attendance were: Vice Chairman Al Zuccarello, who was sitting in for Jim McRee (whose absence was excused), Walter Wujcik, Matt Keating, and Linda Polishuk. Also in attendance were Mike Merwin, Bill Pascale (Deer Management Professionals of Southeastern PA), and Jack Yahraes (Municipal Authority).

1. CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Vice Chairman Al Zuccarello 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:

Al decided to table the correction of minutes from April 7th until the next meeting, Monday May 19, 2008.

3. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

- A.** Al said Jim would talk about the Chairmans report when he came back.
- B.** Bill Pascale spoke about the "Hunters Sharing the Harvest", a private program that donates venison to feed the needy. At this time there was also discussion that the meat would need to be taken care of as quickly as 2 hours after harvest in temperatures over 60 degrees, a ½ an hour to field dress the deer and ½ an hour on ice in a cold box.
- C.** Last year over 1,057 deer were processed and donated to the Teen Ministries. Also at this time Al suggested Bill have applications ready for Brian Hoover and Walt Senkow.

4. NEW BUSINESS

- A.** Al wanted an informal discussion about the budget report. Mark Miller told Al that they have been feeding with the 4-Post Feeders since March of '08, and Al wondered if they were feeding earlier than they needed to. Mark said that ½ of the corn had been eaten in 2 months. Al also asked if there was a possibility they have been treating deer that have no ticks on them yet? It was decided that they should find out when they should actually start treating the deer with promethrin (tick-a-cide), and look into the life cycle of the tick so that we are not spending our resources if it is not necessary. Mark said if they could find out the optimal treatment window, they could probably get 3 months of optimal treatment and conserve our resources. Mark also stated at this time that station #5 had gone through 600 lbs of corn as opposed to stations 2, 8 and 9 that had only gone through 100-150 lbs each. There was discussion as to why there might be such a large difference.
- B.** Al stated that they are trying to get a grant from State Farm Insurance and that information had been sent to their public relations department (who are studying it at this time). Matt said if they were to get the grant, the money could be used for deer warning signs with S.F.'s name on it.

- C. Linda picked up free tick ID cards from the Board of Health.
 - D. Matt showed a paper sign to be displayed on the window of hunters' cars. There was discussion as to whether or not to take the word deer off the sign for fear of retribution.
 - E. The 4th of July committee will make maps and posters with information such as:
 - 1. Tick treatments and eradication.
 - 2. Lyme disease, posters with info and photos
 - 3. Deer – car collisions.
 - 4. Tick tubes, who is on it, and how they can get on
- 5. FUTURE**
- A. Al is resigning as of June 30th, 2008. Al's question to the board, "Are we doing too much?" Al thinks it's something to be thought about.
 - B. Matt stated that DMC meetings would be cut down from 2 a month, to 1 a month and less once we get into maintenance.
 - C. Al stated we will table open space boundary marking and Matt will come up with some stats that go back to 1992. Bob will also make some new posters depicting accidents and carcasses.
 - D. Al wants to table discussion of DMC's mission statement for formal creation as a township ABC, since Jim will be back next meeting 5/21/08.
 - E. Al thinks if we could get publicity as to what we did, other townships will fall in as well.
 - F. Linda thinks we should advertise for new members. They will get the suggestion to Diane by (Friday 9th?) that we should include Jim, but Al also thinks we should wait 1 year before doing the ABC's.
- 6. OLD BUSINESS**
- A. A guest, Bill P. stated how impressed he is with the amount of information that had been covered during the meeting.
- 7. PUBLIC COMMENT**-none
- 8. ADJOURNMENT**
- A. Walter made a motion to adjourn, Matt 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