

**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
DEER MANAGEMENT COMMISSION
WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 2, 2008**

The East Goshen Township Deer Management Commission held a meeting on Monday, June 2, 2008 at 7:03pm at the East Goshen Township building. In attendance were: Chairman Jim McRee, Vice-Chair Albert Zuccarello, members Walter Wujcik, Steve DiAntonio, Bob Huebner and Linda Polishuk. Also present were: Chas Linder, Marty Shane, Chris Ollis of the Chester County Trackers, Tim Wisecarver of Landowner – Sportsman Alliance, and Thomas Igo of the Tri County Deer Management Association.

1. CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Chairman, Jim McRee, called the meeting to order at 7:03pm and led those present in the pledge of allegiance. No one is recording the meeting.

2. REVIEW & APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Walter Wujcik stated that he was present at the April 21st meeting, although his name was not listed as being present. All four pages of the minutes were reviewed and corrections to be made were discussed. Linda moved to approve the correction of the minutes, and Walter seconded.

3. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Jim received 9 emails and shared their content with those present at the meeting. Al asked if spontaneous (good) emails should be sent out. There were 5 deer management group applications submitted, and Jim said there were 2 decisions to make who they want in the program, and what areas they will be managing. Steve stated that though we also have a decision to make tonight, we should table it until 6/2/08, and turn over to the supervisors which groups do what areas. It was decided to pass on the budget report.

4. NEW BUSINESS

- A.** Jim gave out a table to the commission that proposed one group per open space and four groups total. Al thought that if each group is given the property that they want, they will take good care of the property. Steve commented that all responses were positive, but that the number of responses is limited. The supervisors received lists of the groups and will make a final decision in about a week. Linda wanted to know what else they need if they got no references. Marty asked if all applications were complete. He said that the commission needed to make a recommendation and stick with it. He said it would be unusual not to accept the board's recommendations. Steve suggested tabling the matter until the end of June. Al asked if there should be five groups. Jim liked the idea of having less than five groups. Al said the size of the group doesn't matter, but they need to give them all a chance. Jim asked if anyone had any thoughts on the groups and Al said that they just have to watch this first year to see what needs tweaking for next year. Steve asked if anyone would be charged with patrolling the groups and suggested that someone be charged with making sure that the groups are in and out when they're supposed to be. Some members liked Steve's suggestion.

Ann Quinn, 215 Lockwood Ln – asked how the commission plans to make boundaries.

Tim Wisecarver of Landowner – Sportsman Alliance was very pleased with the other groups. He said that his group would not try to force the board to use his group; they were just there to help if needed.

Bow Tree – The commission unanimously nominated the Deer Management Professionals of Southeastern PA for this area.

Grand Oak – The commission unanimously nominated the Chester County Trackers for this area.

Mill Creek – The commission unanimously nominated the Chester County Trackers.

Suplee Valley E. – The commission unanimously nominated the Main Line White Tail Managers.

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Wentworth – The commission nominated Tri-County Deer Management in a 5-1 decision.

Jim moved to approve the groups. Al seconded. There were no other comments.

B. PROGRAM ACTION ITEMS

Jim asked if hunters would be willing to paint trees, with the paint being provided by the township. The hunters said they would, if directed. There will be a 150' safety zone that hunters cannot shoot into around houses. Marty pointed out that they can't stop people from walking in open township areas, which is a safety concern. He suggested that residents wear brightly colored clothes when walking in these areas. Ann was concerned about small children walking or playing in these areas. Marty tried to address Ann's concerns and invited her to attend the Board of Supervisors meeting on 6/3. Ann asked when the board would send a letter out. Marty informed her about the information in the newsletter and on the website.

Bob presented information about car accidents involving deer. There have been 18 so far this year. He predicts that there will be about 80 accidents involving deer this year.

C. LYME DISEASE INFORMATION SHARING AT 7/4 FIREWORKS

Al gave Jim Lyme disease stats. Steve asked Walt if he had been in touch with anyone from the board of health.

D. DMC MISSION STATEMENT FOR FORMAL CREATION AS TWP ABC

As an ABC, the DMC will have 7 members. Al's replacement is lined up. S/he will attend the July and August meetings to get caught up.

5. OLD BUSINESS

A. 4- POSTER-FEEDERS

A couple 4-poster-feeders were vandalized. 465lbs was eaten in a 4 day period. Merry Dale - May 22- rollers broken off. Information will be posted in the summer newsletter.

Applebrook will not put up 4-poster-feeders.

Tick-a-cide – March-June1: 2.5ml per 50lbs. Rain washes out the tick-a-cide. It needs to be touched up every 4th or 5th week.

6. ANY OTHER MATTER

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Andy Szielski (vice president, DANDUX/C R DANIELS CO) was highly complimentary of the DMC and all involved.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Walter made a motion to adjourn. Steve seconded the motion. There was no further discussion or public comment. The meeting adjourned at 9:42pm.

Respectfully submitted by: _____

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