

**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
DEER MANAGEMENT COMMISSION
WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 16, 2008**

The East Goshen Township Deer Management Commission held a meeting on Monday, at 7pm at the East Goshen Township building. In attendance were: Chairman Jim McRee, as well as members Walter Wujcik, Bob Huebner and Matt Keating. Also in attendance were Chas Linder and Marty Shane.

1. CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Chairman Jim McRee called the meeting to order at 7:05pm and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance. No one recorded the meeting.

2. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from April 21 were reviewed and corrections were made. Bob made a motion to approve the minutes. Jim seconded the motion. The minutes from May 19 and June 2 were tabled until the next meeting.

3. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

- A. Jim informed the commission that he had received two emails from residents, one supporting the commission and one against it. He also received an email from Ann Quinn with some questions.
- B. As of June 10, the township has sold \$1,100 worth of Tick Tubes. They have had to order another shipment of the large 24 tube boxes. Bob asked if the township has received any feedback about the Tick Tubes. Jim said that they do not know.
- C. Deer Accident Report: Bob has added 2 more spots to the map, indicating the location of the 2 dead deer that had been discovered. Jim asked Chas to check on the accident report because he thinks there might be pages missing.
- D. Chas informed the commission that he was able to get in touch with the Game Commission. He reported that Scott Fredricks may be able to come to a DMC meeting to give the commission information about what they have done and what needs to be done. Jim thinks it will be helpful for the public and the hunting groups to hear what Scott has to say.
- E. Jim reported that the commission is allowed to bait because township land is "private" as opposed to state-owned public land. They are allowed to bait with up to 5 gallons of corn per day. It was reiterated that the 4-poster feeders need to be removed 30 days prior to the hunt.

4. NEW BUSINESS

- A. 4th of July Program: Matt made up posters to use as displays in the tent at the 4th of July Fireworks. The posters cover the 4 main points of the program and their purpose is to generate conversation between commission members and residents. In addition to the posters, Matt plans to write a script for the commission members to follow when presenting to residents. The script will also provide explanations for some of the information on the posters and in some of the graphs.

One of the graphs illustrated the trends in Lyme disease cases in 3 counties. Delaware was one of the counties and it showed a decrease in the number of cases. Matt said that he was going to try to get information about why their numbers dropped. He also has a newspaper clipping of a car accident involving a deer that killed a teen girl from the area. This sparked a discussion about getting statistics about the number of car accidents involving deer. It was decided that there would not be a poster that highlighted the hunting aspect of the program, but that they would have information and maps on hand in case people asked about it. The commission decided that instead of having t-shirts, they would wear large name tags to identify themselves.

John Gaul, 1323 Park Ave. – asked how many deer are killed by private hunting. He wanted numbers on how many deer are killed by people who hunt on their own property. He was informed that the commission is currently working on getting those numbers.

Bob said that they should be set up by 6:30pm on the 4th. It was decided that they were not going to have lights. They will have a table for selling Tick Tubes. The posters will be set up on easels or hung from the tent. John asked if they were going to address the concerns people have brought to their attention. Jim said that they will have plenty of other information that they will most likely be able to cover any concerns people have. John then asked if they were going to have a map of the private properties that hunt. Jim said no, that they don't have that kind of data because property owners are not required to report it.

- B.** To mark the trees, the commission will need to use landscaping paint. They cannot use any oil based paints. Landscaping paint can be found at Home Depot or other garden shops. The trees are going to be marked with a dot on the side facing away from the homes near the hunting areas. The commission discussed the maps of the hunting areas and it was mentioned that the sewer lines can be used for navigation because they are always mowed.

Marty asked if there were any other places they could put 4-poster feeders. Jim discussed other areas that have been looked at and that are in the works.

Letters were mailed out on June 10 to the hunting groups. Steve has contacted the references.

5. OLD BUSINESS

- A.** Chas reported that the 4-poster feeders at Wentworth and Bellingham are set up. Also, 1685lbs of corn were consumed in the month of June. He said that the activity in Bow Tree is picking up. He also informed the commission that their corn supplier had run out of corn and that they had to go to Agway to get more. He will do a full inspection at Ports and Lockwood because they are losing corn out of the side of the feeder.

Chas also brought up the question of whether they should inform the police of what is going on when it gets closer to the hunt. Jim said that yes, they would inform the police. Marty said that they should have the police inspect where the hunters are parking and also check for problems or harassment. Chas asked if they were going to designate parking and Jim said that they would get it worked out.

Jim said that they need to get signs for the open spaces. Matt said he would take care of it and someone commented that Steve is working on it.
Chas said that he will provide a 4-poster for the 4th of July tent.

6. ANY OTHER MATTER – None.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT – None.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Walt made a motion to adjourn. Bob seconded the motion. There was no further discussion or public comment. The meeting adjourned at 8:35pm.

Respectfully submitted by: _____
Stephanie Witt, Recording Secretary

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