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EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
DEER MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 18, 2008

11 The East Goshen Township Deer Management Committee held their regularly scheduled meeting on
12 Monday, August 18, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. at the East Goshen Township Building. In attendance were:
13 Chairman Jim McRee, members Al Zuccarello, Linda Polishuk, Steve DiAntonio, Bob Huebner and
14 Walt Wujcik. Also in attendance were: Marty Shane (Board of Supervisors) and Chas Linder (Public
15 Works).

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17 **1. CALL TO ORDER**

18 The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

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20 **2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

21 The Chairman led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance. A moment of silence was observed
22 for our military service members serving overseas.

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24 **3. MINUTES**

25 Corrections were made to the July 14, 2008 meeting minutes. No public comment or further
26 discussion was heard. Bob made a motion to approve. Steve seconded. The vote was unanimous.
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28 **4. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

29 **A. Park & Recreation Ordinance Modification Approval**

- 30 • Jim announced the Board of Supervisors approved a modification to the Park & Rec
31 ordinance to permit archery in parks and open spaces in support of the township's Deer
32 Management Program only.

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34 **5. NEW BUSINESS**

35 **A. Consideration of amendments to the Deer Management Program.** Alcohol use is already
36 prohibited by the Park & Rec ordinance. Background checks will not be required beyond what
37 the groups already do. There are no modifications to the scheduling procedures. Groups will
38 email schedules to a list. They are due Friday, 7am. Terry will post them to the web site. Jim
39 will record pertinent data for reporting. The committee decided to keep "Run (Yards)" in the
40 reporting requirements to capture how far deer move from where they are shot to where they
41 fall so as to be able to better explain this factor to residents.

- 42 • **Susan D'Amore (1630 Eldridge):** What do we do if an unexpected hunter shows up? Jim
43 responded Susan should consult the schedule on the web site and call the township or 911.
44 Susan also asked if hunting could be cancelled on Thanksgiving. Jim responded the
45 committee recommended following the Pennsylvania Game Commission's calendar that
46 allowed hunting on Thanksgiving. The committee agreed to continue to permit hunting on
47 Thanksgiving. Susan asked for contact information with the group that would be hunting in
48 Bow Tree. Jim said he would provide it.

- 1 • **Paul Canavin (1652 Eldridge):** Mr. Canavin asked about mapping specific tree stand
2 locations. Jim explained the township does have a map of specific locations and has chosen
3 not to release it so as to avoid highlighting what could be attractive nuisances for children to
4 play in.
- 5 • **Linda Polishuk:** Are we going to tell groups where their stands can be? Jim, Marty, and
6 Steve responded that the township has veto authority over any location and that the township
7 is sensitive to situations in which a struck deer cannot end up anywhere but on private
8 property. Marty and Steve explained that deer usually move downhill, towards water and
9 cover when hit; not into residential developments towards known human-occupied areas.
- 10 • **Susan D'Amore (1630 Eldridge):** Ms. D'Amore asked about hunters gaining access to
11 private land and the timing of the request. Jim explained that hunters must request
12 permission to enter private land in search of a deer before doing so. Hunters will need to
13 enter private land to ask for permission.
- 14 • **John (?):** The resident stated that hunting is inappropriate for densely populated areas. This
15 should have been an item for referendum. Jim explained the township did consult with Voter
16 Services and it is not permitted on the ballot as a referendum. Some discussion ensued
17 regarding whether the township should have conducted a survey and to what degree of value
18 it might have to the decision making process.
- 19 • **Jim Mc Ree:** The committee will formally review progress of the program with the Board of
20 Supervisors on the 3rd Tuesday of each month.
- 21 • The township shall send a message to the groups telling them about pulling the 4-poster
22 feeder/bait stations this week.
- 23 • Bob Huebner will follow-up with East Bradford Township (Mike Lynch) to obtain a copy of
24 their deer management signs. They are believed to be hardened plastic signs that are posted
25 at the entry points for public access.
- 26 • Matt sent a sample copy of the parking tag.
- 27 • A permission letter was discussed that would contain an ID number for the hunter.
- 28 • Hunters must make a “reasonable attempt” to ask for permission from a resident before
29 searching for a deer on the resident’s property.

30 **B. Traffic accident plan.**

- 31 • There were 3 deer-vehicle collisions (DVCs) in July.
- 32 • Bob and Linda will work together to identify high DVC areas and to research approaches to
33 mitigate. We will discuss in the September 8th meeting. Bob said he cannot make the
34 September 8th meeting and might not be able to make the September 22nd meeting. Linda will
35 present what they have found.

36 **C. Name of overall DMC program.** Jim explained the Board of Supervisors named the herd
37 reduction portion of the program the “Deer Management Plan”, which is consistent use of the
38 phrase. We need to come up with another name for the whole program, encompassing the herd
39 reduction, tick, deer-vehicle collision, and communication/education initiatives. Suggested
40 names were “deer@eastgoshen”, “The East Goshen Deer Management Program”, and
41 “Wildlife Management Program.” Jim asked the members to think about what a good name
42 would be and we would discuss it at the next meeting.

44 **6. OLD BUSINESS**

45 **A. 4-Poster Feeder/Bait Station Report** – Chas provided an updated on consumption and
46 maintenance. The 4-posters in the hunting areas must be removed from the open spaces by
47 August 20th. Chas said they would be removed by that date.

1 **B. Lyme Disease Forum** – Jim announced that Rep. Art Hershey was hosting a Lyme Disease
2 Forum October 11th at Octoraro High School in West Fallowfield township. The Chester County
3 Health Department said this was a very well attended and highly regarded event last year.
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5 **11. PUBLIC COMMENT** – None
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7 **12 ADJOURNMENT**

8 The meeting adjourned at 9:07pm.
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11 Respectfully submitted by: _____
12 James Mc Ree, Chairman
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