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**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP  
DEER COMMITTEE  
EAST GOSHEN TWP BUILDING  
1580 Paoli Pike  
March 16, 2009**

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10 The East Goshen Township Deer Committee held their regularly scheduled meeting on  
11 Monday, March 16, 2009 at 7:00 pm at the East Goshen Township Building.

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13 In attendance were: Chair - Jim McRee, members - Chuck Matasic, John Babiec, Linda  
14 Polishuk, and new members Jim Ryland and Tina Mussari. Marty Shane (Twp.  
15 Supervisor) and Chas Linder (Public Works) also attended. Joe Buannano (sp?), a West  
16 Goshen resident also attended.

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18 **1. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

19 The chairman called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. The chairman led the Pledge of  
20 Allegiance. A moment of silence was observed for the troops.

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22 New members Tina Mussari and Jim Ryland were introduced to the group, and each  
23 gave some background information on themselves and why they are joining the Deer  
24 Committee. Jim, the committee and Marty welcomed them to the committee.

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26 **2. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 2008 MINUTES**

27 Minutes from February 23, 2009 were approved as corrected, with John, Jim and Tina  
28 abstaining.

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30 Marty Shane praised Chas for all his difficult and hands on work for on the deer  
31 committee tasks this year.

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33 **3. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

34 Jim passed around copies of the "Journal of Wildlife Management" to committee  
35 members to look through. He said it seems to be a good resource for the committee.

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37 **4. COMMUNICATION AND EDUCATION**

38 An article is due for the May Newsletter. There were 6 Deer Vehicle collisions in  
39 February. Jim now has the full Chester County data set. 15 of the surrounding  
40 townships have had more collisions than East Goshen.

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42 **5. DEER MANAGEMENT PROGRAM**

43 A question from Joe Buannano was how the average from surrounding areas affects  
44 East Goshen Township. Cooperation of other townships for controlled deer hunt  
45 would be effective. He asked how much it costs per deer to effectively control the  
46 population, and stressed that we need other townships to participate, make sure that

1 the hunters are performing. He stressed this is a residential issue, not just a hunting  
2 issue.

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4 Marty Shane said that 1. There has to be an evaluation done to cut down the number  
5 of hunting days to allow goal achievement, and 2. Find out if, given green space  
6 limitations, we can have several days of a controlled hunt. Any way to cut down the  
7 number of days of hunting, or free up more time for residents to use open areas is  
8 key.

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10 Much of the meeting time was taken up with refining language, and with discussion  
11 of the Goals for 2009. Jim gave members the Deer Management Goals for 2009  
12 along with proposed changes to be given to Board of Supervisors for their approval.

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14 There are 8 parts to the Deer Management Program including Part 1- Goals, 2 -Land,  
15 3 - Deer Management Groups, 4 - Assignment and Scheduling of Bow Hunting  
16 Areas, with sub-categories of a Calendar, Area Assignments and Archer Scheduling,  
17 5 - Hunting Procedures, 6 – Reporting, with Group/Archer Reporting and Township  
18 Reporting Requirements, 7 – Complaints, and 8 – Initiative and Change Management.

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20 Discussion centered on how specific to make the goals, which might mean changes  
21 from season to season. By keeping the goal dates generalized to conform to the PA  
22 Game Commission, fewer changes would have to be made. The goals must be clearly  
23 stated to give the Board of Supervisors adequate information to be given to residents  
24 of East Goshen Twp, yet with the flexibility of not being too rigid on goals and  
25 changes that will change from year to year. The Deer Program groups want clear  
26 direction by June. Supervisors need the goals by the April date to discuss at the  
27 Board of Supervisors meeting. The interim goal for deer killed per season is 15, and  
28 to break the cycle of increased deer population, the ultimate goal is 8-10. Jim  
29 stressed that this is a long term program with possible different goals being put into  
30 effect in the future. Several changes and re-statements or clarifications were made in  
31 Parts 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 of the Goals outlined for 2009.

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33 There was extensive discussion on Part 8 to clarify and make changes to present to  
34 the Supervisors.

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36 To conform to PA Game Commission wording, the words “Complete PGC Hunter-  
37 Trapper Education Course, and PGC Bow Hunter Education Course” were inserted.  
38 The section regarding “driving deer regulations to prevent deer from crossing roads,  
39 thus preventing deer collisions was discussed in detail. “Driving of deer from one  
40 area to another” is NOT permitted.

## 41 42 **6. DEER VEHICLE COLLISIONS**

43 Linda found a website for requesting grants. She talked to the Game Commission  
44 and Senator Dinneman’s office again. We need to find a 100% grant. It was noted  
45 that at the state level, a technical person reviews the grants, so we need to know who  
46 at the state to go to.

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2 **7. LYME DISEASE**

3 4-Poster and tick disease were explained to new members. The tools are the 4-posters  
4 with feeder bait and tick tubes to catch ticks. It is not yet clear whether there are  
5 fewer ticks. 4-Posters are for sale in the township. They treat deer killing the ticks  
6 they carry with a 97% accuracy rate so far as we can tell. We are considering doing a  
7 study to validate the 4-poster effectiveness. If deer are cleaned of ticks, the disease  
8 drops dramatically. Dr Hertel's recommendation was to reduce the deer population to  
9 get it down to 8 or below. John Babiec would like us to take a more aggressive  
10 approach to reducing the deer population. There were vandalism problems with some  
11 of the 4-posters. We can only put them out on township land; however residents can  
12 purchase them for their developments if they want to help keep Lyme disease away.  
13 Chas said some 4 posters are in bad shape, and he plans to go out this week to check  
14 on them. We need to find the right balance of placement of 4-posters for maximum  
15 effectiveness. Chas reported finding large areas of deer where they placed the 4-  
16 posters. The worst areas were Bowtree, Applebrook, and Wentworth serviced areas.  
17 Cameras placed at these areas help see deer and other animals using them and causing  
18 damage. The 4-Posters need to be located more than 15 yards from the forest canopy  
19 to be effective.

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21 4-Posters will be deployed on May 1. 10 are available. Discussion was held on the  
22 best areas to put them. There are low consumption rates in Bowtree, Supplee Valley,  
23 Ridley Creek and Milltown. It was suggested to move one to Supplee Valley West,  
24 leave the 9 where they are. A motion was made, seconded and approved to leave the  
25 9 where they are now, and place the 10<sup>th</sup> feeder north west of Supplee Valley. Chas  
26 will start putting them out on April 1. Others will be put out in mid-August. They  
27 will be taken out before hunting season begins.

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29 Grant requests must be presented to supervisors, but we should pursue any and all  
30 grant money wherever possible.

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32 Marty again stressed giving the Board of Supervisors specific goals, with specific  
33 language so it is clear what the committee intends to do. Marty said the overall goal  
34 is to reduce the length of time for hunting. We need to give information from our  
35 data to the supervisors. There was extensive discussion on using sharp shooters and  
36 rifle hunting to kill deer in a short period of time. However, this entails rules and  
37 regulations, costs and other drivers for the program. We should strive to keep open  
38 space available longer in residential areas, reduce the time of hunting days and hours,  
39 as these are the main concerns and complaints of residents.

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41 **8. OTHER MATTERS**

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45 **9. PUBLIC COMMENT**

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1 **10. ADJOURNMENT**

2 A motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn the meeting at 10:00 pm.

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4 The next meetings are scheduled for Monday, April 20, and Monday, May 18, 2009.

5 Workshops may be added during the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the month.

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8 Respectfully submitted,

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12 Barbara Woodin

13 Recording Secretary