

1                           **EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP**  
2                           **DEER COMMITTEE**  
3                           **MEETING MINUTES**  
4                           **MAY 20, 2009**

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6     The East Goshen Township Deer Committee held their regularly scheduled meeting on  
7     Wednesday, May 20, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. at the East Goshen Township building.

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9     In attendance were: Jim McRee (chairman), members Chuck Matasic, Linda Polishuk  
10    and Matt Keating. Members Jim Ryland and John Babiec were absent. Marty Shane  
11    (BOS) and Mark Gordon (Zoning Officer) were also in attendance.

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

14    The chairman called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. The chairman led the  
15    Pledge of Allegiance.

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17    **2. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

18    The minutes from the March 16 and April 20 meetings were reviewed and  
19    corrected. Linda moved to approve the minutes as corrected. Matt seconded the  
20    motion.

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22    *Joe Buonnano, 1606 Herron Lane* – asked about the expert that appeared at a past  
23    meeting and was referenced in the minutes. He had a question about the expert's  
24    comments that without help from surrounding townships, the impact of hunting  
25    would not be great. Jim said that he would check the February minutes to see  
26    exactly what was said.

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28    There was no further public comment or discussion. The motion was unanimously  
29    approved.

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31    **3. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

32    Jim reported that Tina Mussari and recording secretary Barbara Woodin resigned  
33    from the Deer Committee.

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35    **4. COMMUNICATION AND EDUCATION**

36    Matt submitted an article to the Township newsletter. Mark will look up the due  
37    date for the next newsletter article. After a discussion about what to write about  
38    for the next newsletter, it was decided that Matt would write a half-page article  
39    summarizing the changes made to the program and another half-page article about  
40    Lyme Disease prevention.

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42    Matt asked if the committee would have an opportunity at any township events to  
43    set up an information table as they have done in past years. Marty suggested that  
44    the Pumpkin Festival in October would be a good time for that. Mark also  
45    suggested using the bulletin boards in the park to put up information about deer  
46    ticks and other deer related information.

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2 **5. DEER MANAGEMENT PROGRAM**

3 FINALIZE RECOMMENDED CHANGES TO THE '09 - '10 SEASON

4 Changes were made to the following areas of the program: Introduction,  
5 Goals, Land, Deer Management Groups, Assignment & Scheduling of  
6 Bow Hunting Areas, and Reporting. Concerns about the hours of hunting  
7 and reporting problems were addressed by the Committee. There was also  
8 a discussion about scheduling procedure and requirements. The idea of  
9 having an Open Space Clean-Up Day, in which the hunters and residents  
10 work together to clean the open spaces, was also discussed.

11 Chuck moved to approve the Deer Management Program as corrected.  
12 Linda seconded the motion. There was no public comment and the motion  
13 passed unanimously.

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15 **DISCUSS DEER MANAGEMENT GROUP SELECTION**

16 Jim commented that all the deer management groups did pretty well  
17 during the season. Chuck suggested that the Committee go with the four  
18 groups that they already have. Marty agreed, saying that the current  
19 groups should get priority consideration. Matt moved to add that  
20 information to the Deer Management Program. Linda seconded the  
21 motion and it passed unanimously.

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23 **SIGNS**

24 Mark made up sample signs for the Committee to review. He said that it  
25 would cost about \$900 for 100 signs from FastSigns, and about \$680 for  
26 100 signs from KC Signs. Chas Linder wants to use wooden stakes to  
27 post the signs. Chuck brought up issues regarding the placement of signs  
28 and the size of the signs. Marty asked if there were guidelines for posting  
29 the signs if they wished to prosecute illegal hunters. There was a  
30 discussion about these matters. Mark pointed out that the signs that he had  
31 were meant for the entrances and exits of the open spaces.

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33 **SHARPSHOOTING**

34 There was a discussion about sharpshooting in the Township. Chuck did  
35 some research to figure out the pros and cons of sharpshooting. After a  
36 discussion on the cost of a sharpshooting program, the safety risks and  
37 equipment needs, the Committee voted against starting a sharpshooting  
38 program.

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40 **6. DEER VEHICLE COLLISIONS**

41 Jim reported that the number of deer-vehicle collisions is down for the year. For  
42 the month of March, the number of collisions was up from one to three. He also  
43 said that out of 67 townships, East Goshen ranks 15<sup>th</sup> for highest number of  
44 collisions. He suggested that they combine with surrounding townships to work

1       on programs to reduce the number of deer-vehicle collisions in the area, as well as  
2       to get grant money for these programs.

3       Linda said that there was no new report on grants.

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5       **7. LYME DISEASE**

6       Mark reported that Chas could not be at the meeting because he was out working  
7       on the 4-posters. Chas has had to replace a lot of the rollers because of all the  
8       mud that has accumulated in them. There was only one 4-poster vandalized, and  
9       Chas does not plan to move it.

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11      It was suggested that the tick tubes should be advertised in the Township  
12       newsletter as well as on the website. Mark suggested that they start a tick  
13       awareness program on the walking trails in the park. Chuck suggested using signs  
14       like the ones that will be used at the entrances and exits of the hunting areas.

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16       **8. ANY OTHER MATTER**

17       Jim talked about information in the article that was included in the packet, entitled  
18       “An Evaluation of Sex-Age-Kill (SAK) Model Performance.” The article came  
19       from *The Journal of Wildlife Management*. Jim said that the article is very  
20       informative and helps give context to what they are trying to accomplish.

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22       Jim asked the Committee for suggestions on how to ask the hunters about ticks.  
23       He asked that everyone think about what they want to ask the hunters about the  
24       ticks.

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26       Jim pointed out that a copy of the budget was included in the packet.

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28       **9. PUBLIC COMMENT**

29       *Joe Buonanno* – asked if the Committee is required to sign an ethics form. Jim  
30       told him that since the Deer Committee is not a formal ABC and that they don’t  
31       have any spending power, they are not required to sign an ethics form. Marty said  
32       that he would double check that with the Board.

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34       *Ed Jaeger* – asked if any hunters had gotten offers from residents to hunt on their  
35       property, as it had been discussed at the beginning of the program. Jim said that  
36       there had been some engagements, but the Committee did not get involved.

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38       **10. ADJOURNMENT**

39       Linda moved to adjourn the meeting. Chuck seconded and the motion passed  
40       unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 10:20 p.m.

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43       Respectfully submitted by:

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46       Stephanie Witt