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**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
DEER COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
June 15, 2009**

The East Goshen Township Deer Committee held their regularly scheduled meeting on Monday June 15, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. at the East Goshen Township building.

In attendance were: Jim McRee (chairman), members Jim Ryland, and Linda Polishuk. Members Chuck Matasic, John Babiec and Matt Keating were absent. Mark Gordon (Zoning Officer) and Chas Linder were also in attendance.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The chairman called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. The chairman led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the May 20 meeting were reviewed and corrected. Since there was not a quorum present, approval was tabled until the next meeting.

3. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Jim reviewed the Deer Management Program 2008 Season Recap, which he updated and will present at the Board of Supervisors meeting tomorrow night, June 16, 2009. Since safety was the main concern, he was glad to report that there were no injuries, accidents or near misses. Hunters did receive some positive comments from residents. Even though there is no hunting on Sunday, hunters are allowed to check their stands. Metrics were reviewed. Jim reported that the Supervisors might close hunting the Friday and Saturday after Thanksgiving and the week between Christmas and New Years. He explained that coordinated hunting, 1 hunter per acre, is used to saturate an area in order to increase the harvest. Jim Ryland feels it would be worthwhile to invite John Morgan from the Department of Wildlife to come to speak at a meeting. He will contact him to see if he can come to the September meeting. A possible topic could be high-density hunting. The Game Commission, through special permitting, allows hunting outside of the regular season.

4. COMMUNICATION AND EDUCATION

Articles for the township newsletter are due in July.

5. DEER MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

SIGNS

Mark provided a sample sign for the Committee to review. The Committee decided to remove the last sentence, make the font larger and use orange background with black letters. They asked for 100 signs in order to have a reserve. Mark will coordinate with Rick Smith for processing of the expense.

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2 **6. DEER VEHICLE COLLISIONS**

3 The reports for April and May were included in the Committee members' packets.
4 Jim commented that deer strikes in bordering open spaces might be interesting
5 data.
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7 **7. LYME DISEASE**

8 Mark showed the Committee a poster about Lyme Disease, which can be placed
9 in restrooms, pavilions, etc.
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11 Chas reported that between April 1st and today there has been 8 inches more rain
12 this year than last year. Six 4-posters will have to be taken out for repair. He
13 showed pictures of the sites and the damage from the mud, vandalism, and
14 smaller animals. When the water gets into the ports, it creates mold on the corn
15 and the deer won't eat it.
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17 **8. ANY OTHER MATTER**

18 Events – Last year the Committee gave out information at the Township 4th of
19 July Fireworks, which was very successful. The next event is the Pumpkin
20 Festival in October. Information about the Deer Management Program and DVC
21 could be given out. Next Spring, information on Lyme Disease could be given
22 out at the Egg Hunt. Election Day in November is another event where
23 information could be distributed.
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25 The 2009 season starts September 19th. The hunting groups are nominated and
26 will start to install their stands in mid-August. The Supervisors may make a
27 decision tomorrow based on the Committee's recommendations.
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29 **9. PUBLIC COMMENT**

30 None
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32 **10. ADJOURNMENT**

33 The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m. At the July meeting applications of the
34 hunting groups will be reviewed.
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37 Respectfully submitted by:

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40 Ruth Kiefer, Recording Secretary