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**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
DEER COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
July 20, 2009**

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

In attendance were: Jim McRee (chairman), members Jim Ryland, Linda Polishuk, Chuck Matasic, John Babiec and Matt Keating. Chas Linder was also in attendance.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The chairman called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The chairman led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Linda Polishuk moved to approve the minutes from the May 20 meeting, as corrected, and the June 15 meeting. Jim Ryland seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

3. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Jim McRee will provide copies next month (about 20 pages) of the Wildlife Society article.

The Deer Management Program was approved by the Board of Supervisors on June 21, 2009. They did add the holiday exclusions.

Four groups are applying for this year's program. They are the same as last year and requesting the same open spaces.

4. COMMUNICATION AND EDUCATION

Articles for the township newsletter are due August 12th. Matt prepared an article on Deer Ticks and Lyme Disease. The article is very basic. He used the Chester Co. Dept of Health and CDC sites for information. He had a map of Chester County, which showed the rates of reported cases of Lyme Disease. East Goshen has one of the lower rates of reported cases. Jim McRee asked Matt to include a reference to the start of this year's Deer Management Program.

5. DEER MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

SIGNS

Mark provided a sample sign for the Committee to review. The Committee approved the wording, decided to make the signs white with black letters, and to order 40 signs. Chas will install them on 10 foot posts, 2 feet in the ground in concrete.

6. DEER VEHICLE COLLISIONS

A report was not available. John feels it would be interesting to find out the highest area of collisions in the county to get a density profile.

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2 **7. LYME DISEASE**

3 Chas reported that all 10 4-poster units are repaired and operating. They used
4 flashing but now the rodents are chewing the metal. The old price of corn was
5 \$6.95 per 40 lb. Bag. He received a new price of \$9.25 per 100 lb. bag from
6 Good's near Morgantown. The Dandux information pamphlet is available at the
7 front desk. Pocopson is interested in purchasing 12 units. A resident from
8 Maryland wants to come see the units. There was more maintenance than last
9 year probably due to the amount of rain this year. The Committee only needs the
10 summary written report.

11 Chas reported that remarking of property needs to be done. They used water base
12 paint last year but it doesn't last. He would like to know where the hunters are
13 going to put their stands. Jim McRee would like to have this remarking done by
14 the end of August. He told Chas to leave the safety zones marked in the
15 undeveloped areas.

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17 **8. ANY OTHER MATTER**

- 18 A. The Committee reviewed applications from the following groups:
- 19 1. Tri-County Deer Management Association (TCDMA) –
20 Wentworth. Chuck liked that they required additional education from
21 IBEP for their members. He feels it should be a requirement for all
22 groups. This group did a pellet count and found that there were 43 deer in
23 Wentworth last year.
 - 24 2. Deer Management Professionals of Southeastern PA (DMPSP) –
25 Bow Tree. Jim McRee commented that they harvested the most deer but
26 took the most hours to get a deer. They weren't the most efficient. This
27 group required each of their members to hunt in Bow Tree at least twice.
 - 28 3. Main Line Whitetail Managers (MLWM) – Supplee. This group is
29 intentionally small.
 - 30 4. Chester County Trackers – Grand Oak/Milltown. They
31 complained about a resident who let her dog run loose every day. Jim
32 McRee noted that the Township has an ordinance, which does not allow
33 dogs to run unleashed. They also had CTDI construction so they only
34 harvested 3 deer. This group also reported 2 illegal hunters, which
35 resulted in one conviction.

36 Matt moved to recommend these four groups to the Board of Supervisors for the
37 2009-2010 Deer Management Program. Jim Ryland seconded the motion.

38 Amendments to above motion:

- 39 a. All four groups must provide a current certificate of insurance and
40 vehicle information.
- 41 b. Chester County Trackers must include in their application that they
42 will comply with the East Goshen Township Deer Management Program.
- 43 c. DMPSP must improve their hunting efficiency. They must supply
44 local residential addresses for the two members who are listed as living
45 out of the required residential area.

1 d. All groups must mark their arrows and all members are required to
2 complete an advanced education program within the last 10 years.
3 Matt moved to approve the amendments. Linda seconded the motion. Both
4 motions passed unanimously.
5 B. Of the Committee's \$47,000 budget, \$25,000 has been spent mostly on
6 legal expenses.
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8 **9. PUBLIC COMMENT**

9 Resident John Donahue, 1632 Eldridge Lane, West Chester, asked what the
10 estimate of deer in the township was and how many deer were harvested. Jim
11 McRee said that in 2007 there were approximately 300 deer in East Goshen. Last
12 season 39 were harvested in Township open space and about 30 on private
13 property. Mr. Donahue can check the township's website for on-going
14 information. The goal is to get the 30 deer per sq. mile down to 15 per sq. mile to
15 decrease the Lyme Disease cases.
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17 **10. ADJOURNMENT**

18 The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m. Future meetings – Workshop August 3.
19 Regular meeting August 17 – Jim McRee will invite representatives of the four
20 groups to attend this meeting. Workshop in September can be moved to another
21 night if needed. Regular meeting September 21, John Morgan, Wildlife Biologist
22 may be the featured speaker.
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24 Respectfully submitted by:

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27 Ruth Kiefer, Recording Secretary