

**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
DEER COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
November 16, 2009**

The East Goshen Township Deer Committee held their regularly scheduled meeting on Monday November 16, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. at the East Goshen Township building.

In attendance were: Jim McRee (chairman), members Linda Polishuk, Chuck Matasic John Babiec and Matt Keating. Also in attendance was Mark Gordon.

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

Chuck made a motion to approve the October 19, 2009 minutes as corrected. Matt seconded the motion. The motion passed.

3. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Jim reminded everyone that there is still an open position on the Committee. In December the Committee will have to elect a chairman.

4. COMMUNICATION AND EDUCATION

Jim apologized to Matt, who sent Jim an article for the Newsletter but Jim did not get it to the Township staff in time to be in this issue. However, it is on the website.

5. DEER MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

A. The Board of Supervisors requested an interim report which Jim will present at tomorrow night's meeting. Jim provided a copy of the report and reviewed it with everyone. As of 11/15/09 20 deer have been harvested. At this time last year, 28 had been harvested. He feels the goal of 36 may be at risk, since there was less activity after Thanksgiving last year. Several things that probably impacted the results so far this year are so many rainy Saturdays, a large crop of acorns and ATVs in some of the open spaces. The deer seem to be moving around more at night.

The Bow Tree group added 6 new members, 2 are East Goshen policemen. Jim showed the extensive charts he keeps that track all of the information that is gathered for the program.

Chuck questioned whether the original assumptions may be slightly off. The 2 aerial flights were done in 1995 showing 150 deer, and 2007 showing 300 deer. Of course these are estimates but they are the numbers originally used to calculate a goal of 36 per year through the hunting program. Now that we are getting the road kill data, he feels the numbers may be different. Linda had an article from

Fairfield CT that had the calculation they use. Chuck will work on creating a new model. There were no injuries and no complaints about hunting activity.

B. Mark reported that the 4-poster stations are in for maintenance. He thinks cleaner corn may prevent some of the reasons for the damages this year. Chuck asked about using salt/mineral blocks instead of corn. John pointed out that the corn has proven to be the most effective bait.

6. DEER VEHICLE COLLISIONS

The committee reviewed the reports.

7. LYME DISEASE

A. John provided updated copies of the booklet on Lyme Disease published by the Lyme Disease Assoc. of Southeast PA. He also brought a few Tick ID cards. Melissa Walsh with the Chester County Health Dept. will attempt to plot Lyme Disease cases in Chester County. He also had some signs from the PA Lyme Disease Prevention Assoc. This association lobbies for policies with the State legislature.

8. ANY OTHER MATTER

None

9. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

10. ADJOURNMENT

John moved to adjourn the meeting. Linda seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Ruth Kiefer, Recording Secretary

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