

**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP  
DEER COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES  
August 15, 2011**

The East Goshen Township Deer Committee held their regularly scheduled meeting on Monday August 15, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. at the East Goshen Township building.

In attendance were: Jim McRee (chairman), Linda Polishuk, and Matt Keating. Also in attendance were Mark Gordon (Township Zoning Officer), Mike Aiello (Deer Management Professionals), Gary Clemson (Tri-County Deer Management) and Ed Jaeger (Main Line Whitetail Managers).

**A. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The chairman called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Jim led the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silence for our troops.

Jim asked if anyone would be recording the meeting. There was no response.

**B. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Linda moved to approve the minutes from May 16, 2011 as corrected. Matt seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

**C. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

None

**D. COMMUNICATION AND EDUCATION**

1. Matt submitted an article for the Newsletter about accident avoidance. Jim suggested looking at other programs and doing a comparison. Matt feels that East Goshen has the best program. Linda saw a notice about a seminar on ticks being held at the University of Pennsylvania.

**E. DEER MANAGEMENT PROGRAM**

1. Jim led a discussion about the decrease in harvest numbers. He was disappointed that the PA Game Commission imposed a ban on baiting last year which is still in effect. Gary commented that the PGC probably felt they couldn't manage it.

2. The proposed Resolution was reviewed. Mark hopes the Board of Supervisors will authorize the program for 2011 – 2012 at their next meeting. In Section 163-4H, procedure for filing complaints, it was added that they may also call 911.

3. Last season was discussed. Ed feels the program is going very well. Hunter/resident incidents were minimal. It is seen as a safe program now. They always refer residents to Mark. Mark reinforced this by reminding the clubs to be polite and let the office know about any problems.

Gary mentioned that Chuck gave him his cell phone number at the end of last season. There were two times that hunters noticed an elderly man dressed like a hunter walking in the snow through the woods. He seemed lost. Gary left a message for Chuck. Mark said they should notify the police in a situation like this.

Mark has all the materials the clubs need to get started. They can start setting up as soon as the Board of Supervisors approves the resolution. He will email the ordinance, resolution, maps and harvest report. He is adding a Male/Female category to the harvest

report. A notice will be sent to the residents via the website. Ruth will get the schedules now.

Mark reported that tripods were successfully tested in Supplee Valley last season. It is okay to use them in the other areas if they want to. No pegs up to five feet. Mark will look at the tripods if the clubs want him to. Chas checks the entrance and high traffic areas in the zones. He does not check the entire perimeter. Jim mentioned that township staff caught two poachers two years ago. Police were called and the poachers were fined. Mike asked about hunting on Sunday. Mark believes this is controlled by state legislation, so it has to be changed by the state legislature. Ed can only hunt on Friday and Saturday and would like to have Sunday for hunting too. Mark asked if the clubs would like to Board of Supervisors to send a letter. There are only 8 states that don't allow hunting on Sunday.

The Bow Tree maps indicate the authorized parking areas.

4. 4-Posters – The Board of Supervisors decided to eliminate this program due to budget restrictions. The 4-poster feeders were moth balled for future use. Last year there was vandalism by fire to one of the 4-posters. Gary asked if the public has been told about making donations. Mark and Jim explained the new 501c3 Committee which makes it possible to donate and get a tax deduction. Gary has a few clients who bought their own 4-poster and they saw a significant decrease in ticks. It will be interesting to see what the tick counts are this year.

#### **F. DEER VEHICLE COLLISIONS**

A. Collisions – June and July are usually low counts. Mark reported there were several in the township today.

#### **G. ANY OTHER MATTER**

A. Keep East Goshen Beautiful Day – Several clubs participate in this event. They will keep their areas clean. Let Mark know if there is anything unusual. Mike mentioned that there is a spot in the Bow Tree open space where they always find several bags full of beer cans.

#### **H. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

#### **I. ADJOURNMENT**

The next meeting will be held November 21, 2011.

Matt moved to adjourn the meeting. Linda seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Ruth Kiefer, Recording Secretary