

**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP  
DEER COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES  
February 27, 2012**

The East Goshen Township Deer Committee held their regularly scheduled meeting on Monday February 27, 2012 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), and Marty Shane (Township Supervisor).

**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**

The Chairman noted that the minutes of the November 21, 2011 meeting were approved.

**C. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

No report.

**D. COMMUNICATION AND EDUCATION**

No report.

**E. DEER MANAGEMENT PROGRAM**

1. Jim led a discussion about the harvest numbers for the 2011/2012 season. Mark reported that he spoke with the Grand Oak/Millcreek club about the very low yield they had this year. They mentioned that there is a lot of resident activity walking dogs etc., the deer move through the area at different times, and the township mowed the area last fall. Wentworth is still #1 as far as kill per acre goes. Bow Tree had the most harvested. Residents in the northern part of the township are inundated with deer because there is no organized group hunting there. Lockwood Chase Homeowners Association will have additional open space when the pump station is removed, so they may start a program. Linda suggested notifying property owners that they can work together to allow hunting on their private property with the legal restrictions.

**Public Comment:**

Art Polishuk, 1424 Grand Oak La – He complimented the Committee on the job they have done with this program. Based on the fact that the hunting group in Grand Oak only harvested 1 deer this year, he feels a change should be made. There are lots of deer running through the properties. He doesn't feel the hunting group is doing a good job. He calculated cumulative times for each group as follows:

Bow Tree – 167 cumulative time slots with 11 deer harvested

Supple Valley – 100 cumulative time slots with only 2 deer harvested

Wentworth – 50 cumulative time slots with 7 deer harvested

Grand Oak – 46 cumulative time slots with only 1 deer harvested.

He would like to see a different group assigned to Grand Oak.

Dave Kovach, 1346 Morstein – He is part of a group of hunters who live in the area and want to start their own club and get involved with the Township program. He asked if food plots are allowed. This is where you plant beans, beets, turnips, etc. 30 days before the season. Three other members came to the meeting with him. They have 12 members so far. They are called the Keystone Archers and have insurance and a tax ID#. They need to know what the requirements are.

Mark answered that blinds are not allowed under the ordinance. They can use elevated stands which includes tripods. He also pointed out that the members must take an advanced archery course.

Art asked if there can be more than 4 groups to supplement in certain areas. Jim answered that the feedback the committee received was that coordination of times and equipment would be difficult with more than 1 group in the same area.

Matt commented that he likes that a group of residents want to be involved. Eliminating commuting is a plus.

Chris Chalmers, 191 Hershey Mill Road, asked if the groups have to prove they used the time slots. Mark explained the process of “plan vs actual” time reports. Chris also asked if there has been any contact with Immaculata about their program. He saw 30 deer in that area last Friday.

Marty commented that the residents in Grand Oak be notified about their interference with the hunting and ask for their cooperation. Lockwood Chase will have open space which will attract more deer from Immaculata University. Maybe a minimum number of hours should be required.

Jim announced that the Committee will consider applications from groups at the May 21, 2012 meeting so the Committee can make recommendations to the Board of Supervisors. The applications must be in by May 1<sup>st</sup>. The groups’ insurance usually expires in June. In August, the groups start setting up their stands which are inspected so they can start hunting in September.

He also mentioned the “Keep East Goshen Beautiful Day” which is a Saturday in April. The hunting groups volunteer to clean up the open space where they hunt. It is okay to do this on a different day just notify Jack Yahares.

## **F. DEER VEHICLE COLLISIONS**

A. Deer Collision Reports were reviewed.

## **G. ANY OTHER MATTER**

A. None

## **I. ADJOURNMENT**

The next meeting will be held May 21, 2011. Matt moved to adjourn the meeting. Linda seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Ruth Kiefer, Recording Secretary