

**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP  
DEER COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES  
May 21, 2012**

The East Goshen Township Deer Committee held their regularly scheduled meeting on Monday May 21, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. at the East Goshen Township building. In attendance were: Linda Polishuk, Matt Keating, John Babiec and Chuck Matasic, and Jim McRee (chairman) who arrived late. Also in attendance were Mark Gordon (Township Zoning Officer), and representatives from Keystone Archers.

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

Chuck Matasic called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Chuck led the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silence for our troops. Chuck asked if anyone would be recording the meeting. There was no response.

**B. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Chuck reviewed the minutes of the February 27, 2012 meeting for everyone. He noted that the minutes of the February 27, 2012 meeting were approved.

**C. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT - None**

**D. COMMUNICATION AND EDUCATION**

1. Matt mentioned that the deadline for the Fall newsletter is August 1, 2012. Usually traffic is the topic for Fall but Jim had mentioned that a history of the Deer Management Program would be good. Mark mentioned that Franklin Township in Southern Chester County, took the East Goshen program and implemented it with a few modifications. There were operational problems so he isn't sure if it is still running. Matt will do an article for the newsletter.

**E. DEER MANAGEMENT PROGRAM**

1. Chuck reviewed the count report, police accident report, which shows the numbers are down, and applications from 5 deer hunting clubs. At this point, Chuck turned the meeting over to Jim McRee. Applications were received from the 4 current clubs. Last year the assignments were:

- Bow Tree covered by DMP (Deer Management Professionals),
- Grand Oak covered by Chester Co Trackers,
- Supplee covered by Main Line Whitetail Managers,
- Wentworth covered by Tri-County Deer Management Assoc.

The fifth, new application is from Keystone Archers Hunting Club. There are 12 members, of which 50% live in East Goshen Township and the other 50% are from neighboring communities.

Discussion followed about the number of deer harvested last year and the difficulties in 2 open space areas. Grand Oak is an active area that borders on the East Goshen industrial park. Last year there was an encampment built in Supplee where trees were cut down, tents and fire pits were made, etc.

There was discussion about assigning 2 clubs to Bow Tree but the Committee members agreed that only 1 club should be assigned to an open space area.

The success of the program was discussed. Originally it was estimated that there were 350 deer in East Goshen. The numbers in all categories, harvested, road kill & police reported accidents, have decreased each year.

The performance of the clubs this past year was discussed. Deer Management Professionals harvested the most deer and Tri-County was the most efficient club. There is concern about Chester County Trackers in Grand Oak, who only harvested 1 deer last year and aren't present at this meeting.

Public Comments:

Mike Malinchak, Vice Present of the Keystone Archers, gave a summary of their experience. The 12 current members are all from the local area and have many years of hunting experience. Mike lives in Bow Tree and feels that the herd there is around 100 and the club could harvest 15 deer. Mike commented that deer are transient and move to areas where there is less hunting. He feels the deer population has not decreased. The ratio is 7 doe to 1 buck and each doe averages 2 offspring per year. Keystone members use portable stands so they can move around. The weekly schedule will depend on the weather. They prefer to hunt in Bow Tree but will take any area they are assigned.

1. Chuck made a motion to continue Tri-County Deer Management Assoc. in Wentworth. Matt seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
2. Chuck made a motion to continue Mail Line Whitetail Managers in Supplee. Matt seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
3. The problems with Grand Oak were discussed again and assignment to other clubs was considered. Linda made a motion to assign Deer Management Professionals to Grand Oak because of their record and knowledge and resources. John seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Linda feels the program should cover Grand Oak for another year, then, revisit it if DMP is not successful.
4. Chuck made a motion to assign Keystone Archers to Bow Tree since they are a local East Goshen group and to possibly increase the harvest. John seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**F. DEER VEHICLE COLLISIONS**

- A. Linda contacted PennDOT regarding a grant for the deer deterrent program. She was told there is no grant money available.

**G. ANY OTHER MATTER**

- A. None

**H. ADJOURNMENT**

The next meeting will be held August 20, 2012. Linda moved to adjourn the meeting. Chuck seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Ruth Kiefer, Recording Secretary