

**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
DEER COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
August 20, 2012**

The East Goshen Township Deer Committee held their regularly scheduled meeting on Monday August 20, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. at the East Goshen Township building. In attendance were: Jim McRee, Chairman, Linda Polishuk, Matt Keating, and Chuck Matasic. Also in attendance were Mark Gordon (Township Zoning Officer), and representatives from Keystone Archers, Tri-County Deer Management Assoc., and Deer Management Professionals of SE PA.

A. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Jim McRee called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m and 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

Jim reviewed the minutes of the May 21, 2012 meeting and noted that the minutes were approved as corrected.

C. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT - None

D. COMMUNICATION AND EDUCATION

1. Mark mentioned that Brian Hoover, a member of the Deer Management Professionals of SE PA, was appointed to the PA Game Commission. This is an 8 year term. The area he will cover includes 9 counties. Mark sent a letter of congratulations to Brian. Brian commented that he looks forward to serving and wants to make the Commission aware of the problems hunters and residents face in Southeast PA.

E. DEER MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

1. Jim reported that the Board of Supervisors approved the Deer Program for 2012-13. Mark has maps for each group and marking materials. The process of scheduling is the same. Schedules are due by noon on Thursday of each week. Each group must supply an accurate personnel and vehicle information list. All areas should be marked by the first weekend in September which will give the staff time to verify everything. Mark asked the groups to notify him of any dumping or unusual activity in their areas. Insurance certificates are due before hunting starts and must be effective September 1, 2012.

The first hunting date is Saturday, September 15, 2012. The hunters are not required to wear the PA license, but be sure you have the East Goshen card with you when hunting. Tree Stands – Do not use screw steps or anything that will damage the tree. Climbing sticks or a ladder can be used but must be removed when you are done so no one can climb up into the tree.

Mark explained why the change was made to move DMPSP from Bow Tree to Grand Oak/Millcreek. Mike Aiello asked how many deer were harvested in the past. Jim said 4 when the program first started. Brian Hoover explained how their hunters would get to know the residents and work with them. They will do this in Grand Oak too. He described some of the challenges they had. He expressed concern that they weren't told about the changes. He asked if there are any residents who want to help the program. Linda will email him some names. Mike Aiello feels they will know quickly whether they will be successful there or not.

F. DEER VEHICLE COLLISIONS

1. Jim reviewed the Deer Vehicle Report. There have been 26 incidents so far in 2012. Linda reported that there are no grants available.

G. ANY OTHER MATTER

1. 4 Posters – Matt asked if they will be used again. Mark explained that there is no funding from the Township for these. Linda suggested that a neighborhood could sponsor one.

2. Dave Kovach asked for the policy if they find a trespassing hunter. Mark told them to explain who you are and that you are approved by the Township to be there. If they don't leave, call the police. Jim explained how the township, police and Game Commission interwork. The police get a list of members and vehicles and the schedules.

H. ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting will be held Monday, November 18, 2012. Chuck 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