

**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
DEER COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
May 20, 2013**

The East Goshen Township Deer Committee held their regularly scheduled meeting on Monday May 20, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. at the East Goshen Township building. In attendance were: Jim McRee, Chairman, Matt Keating, Chuck Matasic and Ed Sweeney.

Also in attendance were:

Mark Gordon (Township Zoning Officer);

Brian Hoover, Game Commissioner

Representatives from hunting clubs:

Keystone Archers-Chris Chalmers;

Deer Management Professionals-Mike Aiello;

Chester Co. Trackers – Chris Ollis;

Main Line-

Linda and Art Polishuk, residents.

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 November 19, 2012 meeting and noted that the minutes were approved.

C. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

No report

D. COMMUNICATION AND EDUCATION

No report

E. DEER MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

1. Game Commissioner, Brian Hoover, commented on the Pennsylvania Game Commission. There are no major changes being considered. Brian did mention that the Commission is considering allowing tick bait stations to remain out in the field.

2. There was discussion of the Roadway Protection System.

- Speed camera
- Deer collision/speed camera

F. DEER VEHICLE COLLISIONS

1. The Committee members reviewed the summary reports.

G. NEW BUSINESS

1. The Deer Management Hunting Clubs for 2012 and their areas were:
 - Keystone Archers – Bowtree/Clocktower
 - Deer Management Pros – Millcreek/Grand Oak
 - Mail Line – Supplee Valley
 - Tri County – Wentworth

2. The Deer Management Hunting Clubs for 2013 and their areas were discussed.
 - Tri-County Deer Management Assoc. will not participate in 2013.
 - Chester Co. Trackers will cover Grand Oak/Millcreek. Chris Ollis, President, believes that early week hunting is best in Grand Oak. Art Polishuk reminded the Deer Committee of their charge and expressed his disappointment of the zero harvest in Grand Oak last year. Mike Aiello mentioned that kids on minibikes were a problem in Grand Oak. He commented that the Deer Management Professionals want to hunt in Bow Tree/Clocktower and suggested a shared management with Keystone Archers.
 - Keystone Archers – Chris Chalmers wants to hunt in Bow Tree/Clocktower and is willing to discuss the idea of sharing.
 - Mail Line will continue to manage Supplee Valley.

A motion was made to assign Chester Co. Trackers to manage Millcreek/Grand Oak and Mail Line to manage Supplee Valley. The motion passed.

A motion was made to assign Bow Tree/Clocktower and Wentworth openspaces to Keystone Archers and Deer Management Pros if the two groups can manage the hunting activities under one group structure. If the groups can't agree a special meeting will have to be scheduled. The motion passed 3 to 1, Ed abstained.

A motion was made to recommend amending the East Goshen openspace archery hunting program to mirror the Pa. Game Commission's 2013-2014 Regulations, due to the Program's safety record, and to the increase in the number of productive hunting times in an attempt to increase deer harvest numbers. The motion passed. Mark will draft the resolution once the hunting groups are finalized and forward it to the Board of Supervisors.

H. ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting will be held Monday, August 19, 2013. The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Mark Gordon, Zoning Officer