

**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
DEER COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
November 18, 2013**

The East Goshen Township Deer Committee held a regularly scheduled meeting on Monday November 18, 2013, at 7:00 p.m. at the East Goshen Township building. In attendance were: Chairman Jim McRee, John Babiec, Chuck Matasic, Tara Dougherty and Ed Sweeney. Also in attendance were:

Mark Gordon (Township Zoning Officer);

Keystone Archers Representatives - Dave Kovach, and AndyWahn.

A. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Chairman called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mark asked for a moment of silence to remember our troops.

The Chairman 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 August 19, 2013 meeting were approved.

C. DEER MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

1. Mark reviewed the reports. Only 9 deer have been harvested so far this year. He feels it is due to the warm weather. Things should change after the first frost.

Dave mentioned that he saw no deer for the first 4 weeks of hunting.

Andy commented that they are still not seeing any deer in Wentworth.

Dave reported that he saw someone in camo Saturday night on Towne Drive. Dave was the only one there from the club. Also they have been cleaning up beer cans, etc.

Mark reported that they believe kids are building a motocross ramp in the open space in Millcreek.

D. DEER VEHICLE COLLISIONS

John pointed out that the total deer killed on roads in Chester County since Jan. 2013 is over 1,700.

Chuck reported that he recently hit a deer with his car near Rt 352 and Strasburg Road. He called the police who came and controlled the traffic so he could put the deer on his truck. He called the Game Commission in Reading PA and they gave him a permit number for that deer so he could keep it.

E. NEW BUSINESS

1. The committee members reviewed emails from a Township resident. The resident is requesting that he and his sons be permitted to hunt in Township open space. Mark spoke with him earlier this year and explained that he could contact a hunting club and become a member or start a club and apply next year. There are no Township staff members or board members on any of the hunting clubs. The Game Commission came to the public meetings when the program was being formed and the program is modelled after Game Commission standards. Jim will write a letter to the Board of Supervisors regarding this matter.

F. ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting will be held Monday, February 17, 2014. Jim announced that a new Chairman will be elected at that meeting. Chuck moved to adjourn the meeting. Ed seconded the motion. The motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Kiefer, Recording Secretary