

**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
DEER COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
February 10, 2015**

The East Goshen Township Deer Committee held a regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday February 10, 2015, at 7:00 p.m. at the East Goshen Township building. In attendance were: Jim McRee, Chairman; and Matt Keating. Also in attendance were: Mark Gordon, Zoning Officer, and Dave Kovach, Keystone Archers Representative.

A. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Jim called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.
He asked for a moment of silence to remember 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 17, 2014 meeting were approved.

C. COMMUNICATION & EDUCATION

Matt submitted an article for the Newsletter about diseases deer can have.

D. DEER MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

1. Mark reported there are no complaints or incidents. He commended the Deer Committee on a program that is working and running smoothly.
2. Mark mentioned that there are some changes being made by the PA Game Commission for southeast PA, which may include bucks.
3. Baiting was discussed. Dave feels the change allowing baiting helped them this year.
4. Clover was discussed. Jim suggested that clover be planted this year in certain areas. Dave commented that his group has discussed clover. Mark feels that Grand Oak would benefit. The deer also like turnips and oats.
5. The harvest report was reviewed with the following results:
 - Bow Tree – 16
 - Grand Oak/Mill Creek – 1
 - Supplee – 2
 - Wentworth – 5
 - Total – 24

This was 10 more than last year. Dave mentioned that a small hunting group in Ashbridge said they harvested 6.

6. Mark reported that all of the groups sent their reports to the Game Commission.

E. VEHICLE COLLISIONS

1. The reports showed that vehicle accidents reported to the police for 2014 was 12.
2. Deer road kill picked up was 69. The last 3 years this number has been in the sixties. The Chester Co. report shows that surrounding townships have higher numbers because they don't have a deer program, and Rt. 202 and/or the Rt. 30 bypass go through their township.

F. ANY OTHER MATTER

1. Mark mentioned that he and Rick Smith discussed the possibility of changing the number of members on the Deer Committee from 5 to 3. This would only require 2 for a quorum. The May meeting is when the Deer Committee makes its recommendations to the Board of Supervisors for the upcoming season. August is important because it is the start of the season. November is a status meeting to see how things are going. And February is the end of the year review.

H. ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting will be held the 2nd Tuesday in May, May 12, 2015. The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Kiefer, Recording Secretary