

**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP  
DEER COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES  
May 12, 2015**

The East Goshen Township Deer Committee held a regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday May 12, 2015, at 7:00 p.m. at the East Goshen Township building. The Deer Committee members in attendance were: Jim McRee, Chairman; Matt Keating, Chuck Matasic, and Ed Sweeney. Also in attendance was: Mark Gordon, Zoning Officer, and the following Deer Group Representatives: Ed Jaeger and Nigel Storer, (Mainline Whitetail Managers), Dan Brabson (Chester County Trackers), Paul Percival (Keystone Archers). John Linton, a Township resident was also present.

**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 committee reviewed the minutes and the Chairman noted that the minutes of the February 10, 2015 meeting were approved as corrected.

**C. CHAIRMANS REPORT**

Mark announced that John Babiec has resigned from the Deer Committee, effective immediately.

**D. COMMUNICATION & EDUCATION**

No article was submitted for the summer newsletter. Jim mentioned that there is a Bow Tree Newsletter. After some discussion the committee agreed that it would be a good idea to get an article in the Bow Tree newsletter. An article for the Fall NL will be submitted.

**E. DEER MANAGEMENT PROGRAM**

1. The Committee noted that they reviewed all four of the Deer Management Group open space archery hunting program applications. Each Group represented made a quick presentation of their application. As a result of a recommendation from a resident Mr. Linton, Jim asked that each group set a Deer Harvest goal for the upcoming Deer Season.

Keystone (14- 18)

Mainline (4-6)

Chester Co. Trackers (4)

Tri County Trackers (Not present - staff contacted them and their goal is 6 deer)

After some discussion the Committee made the following Motion:

I move that we recommend that the Township Supervisors approve the following Deer management Groups for the 2015-16 open space Archery Hunting Program:

Mainline Whitetail Managers: Supplee open space

Tri County Deer Management: Wentworth open space

Chester County Trackers: Grand Oak/Mill Creek open space

Keystone Archers: Bow Tree/Clocktower open space

The motion passed unanimously.

2. Mr. Linton commented that the Deer Committee and Township staff are not accurately reporting the failure of the Deer Management Program to meet the goal of 36 harvested deer per season.

Mr. Keating commented that he disagreed with Mr. Linton and that the success of the program is more than just hitting a target number of harvested deer. The program is designed to manage an East Goshen resource (deer) within Township open space areas and do so safely with little to no expense to the Township taxpayer. In those respects the program is an overwhelming success.

After a lengthy discussion the Committee agreed to enhance the annual report to the Board of Supervisors and to have the Deer Management Groups participating in the Open space Archery Hunting Program strive to reach their deer harvest goals for the season.

#### **F. VEHICLE COLLISIONS**

1. The reports showed that there were 7 vehicle accidents involving deer reported to the police between Jan and April 2015 in East Goshen Township.
2. The Marsh report showed that 26 deer have been picked up along the roads in East Goshen so far in 2015. This is a large amount, 13 of the 26 were picked up in February. This may have something to do with increased movement of the deer in order to find food during the cold winter months.
3. Mr. Sweeny mentioned that large number of the vehicle collisions involving deer were located on roads just outside the Hershey's Mill community. The Hershey's Mill community has a large amount of open space and a sizable deer herd.

#### **G. ADJOURNMENT**

The next meeting will be held the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday in August, August 11, 2015. The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Gordon, Township Zoning Officer