

Minutes for Deer Management Task Force Meeting of January 20, 2010

- A review and discussion of the draft deer survey was held during the first hour of the meeting. Among items discussed were questions to add or delete; how to distribute the survey (by mail), when to mail it, and should we have someone more experienced help guide us. (Note – Alan Hershey was kind enough to review the survey and made some very good suggestions). A suggestion was made to make the survey also an educational tool by putting pointers on the last page of the survey, such as deer resistant plants, etc.
- Mentioned were the possible changes being made to the hunting laws resulting from the recently passed Forest Stewardship Bill and the positive impact it should have, including a wildlife management component in order to get farm land assessment. Actual requirements will depend upon the decisions made by a yet-to-be formed Forestry Committee.
- Bill Cane will get a representative from the county Parks Commission to come to the next meeting.
- Mike VanClef will provide us with deer harvest data.
- The current action plan:
 1. March – get deer count for statistics
 2. Do public relations – contact newspaper, website
 3. Send out survey when above complete

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 24, 2010 at 7pm in the township municipal building.