

Notes of the inaugural meeting of the Deer Management Advisory Committee on June 16, 2011:

Attendees:

- Francesca Calderone-Steichen
- William Cane
- Jim Gambino
- George Kerr
- Denise Moser
- Michael VanClef
- Jim Burd

Absent:

- Chuck Noona
- Mort Rosenthal
- Bob Miller

The committee nominated and approved co-chairs Bill Cane and Denise Moser.

Mike VanClef discussed his role within the committee. He has gotten the ok from FOHVOS to work 150 hours for one year.

Discussed:

- Focus on opening up more public land for hunting Mike will develop a presentation to go before the Township Committee to get approval to run the hunting program that FOHVOS currently runs on their land on those lands jointly owned by the Township and FOHVOS this fall.
 - Mike will put together a map of all Hopewell Township owned land
 - We should have more luck with the county opening up lands in the next calendar year
- Provide homeowners with a list of qualified bow hunters to help manage problem pocket deer in smaller yards; make sure private landowners with larger tracts of land know who we are and that we are available to provide advice and a list of hunters;
- Figure out a good way to get more venison donated and find out if there is a way for residents to buy venison for their own use.
- Get the web site reactivated by contacting Bob Miller and Paul Pogorzelski;
- Get an e-mail address up so residents with issues have a place to write (Bob and Paul?)
- Make sure we constantly address any legal issues so we don't accidentally overstep;
- Ongoing committee education by bringing in guest speakers such as:
 - Montgomery Township and possibly Princeton;
 - Anthony Denicola from White Buffalo for information only
 - A representative from Quality Deer Management
- Entice new/younger hunters; possible issues are costs and available lands.

The group decided on the following dates and times for future meetings (all are on Wednesday):

- July 27, 2011 – 8PM
- August 17, 2011 – 8PM
- September 21, 2011 – 8PM
- October 26, 2011 – 7:30PM
- November 30, 2011 – 7:30PM
- January 25, 2012 – 7:30PM

Please note the time change between September and October.