



TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL

Deer Management Advisory Committee

Minutes

For the regular meeting of
Wednesday, April 26, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 pm by Denise Moser.

Statement of Compliance & Roll Call

Members present: Denise Moser, Dorothy Aicher, Chris Pazdan, John Piepszak,

Members absent: Bill Cane, Mike Van Clef

Members of the public present: none

Announcements / Correspondence

There was mention of some hunters posing these questions (at the prior meeting, or after that): could they be allowed to drop off permit applications beyond the times that the municipal building is open: could they be allowed to harvest a buck, prior to harvesting does, as allowed for the State hunting regulations? Also, there may've been mention of an anonymous-type message (by phone?) being received from a member of the public who opposes hunting.

Minutes for Approval - (none)

Administration Comments/Administrative Matters

The Township Administrative Officer was absent from the meeting.

Working Items/Matters

Denise continued the on-going discussion of requiring our Police Dept. background checks for hunters who haven't previously participated in the Hopewell Deer Management Program, and omitting that requirement for "returning" hunters who previously went through the Hopewell Police background check. As previously discussed, Committee members believed that even returning hunters annually go through some kind of State-level background check, to obtain their State hunting license (which, of course, must be obtained by all hunters permitted for Hopewell's Deer Management Program.)

New Business:

There was a discussion concerning the fees paid by hunters, including mention of a \$25 "application" fee and then a \$100 fee (presumably to cover program costs such as the cost of the background checks, signs, etc.).

The members discussed allowing "returning" hunters to put their completed permit applications in an after-hour drop box (currently available near the Police Dept. entrance?), while requiring new-to-program hunters to deliver their applications during normal business hours.

Public Comment

No one from the public was present.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned, by motion & approval, at approximately 8:00 pm.