

WILDLIFE COMMITTEE MINUTES FEB.,2020

The Wildlife Committee held its regular monthly meeting Monday, Feb., 24th.

Members in attendance were Jim Jeffers, Joe Testi, John Reilly, Carl Whalen, Dan Hnath.

The first agenda item was continued discussion for the feasibility of allowing mentored youth within the deer management program.

Mr. Testi presented the Pa Game laws concerning mentored youth.

The chairman stated that the addition of mentored youth will require a rule change and BOD approval. Specific rules need to be outlined as to who and how many participants would be allowed and any other considerations for the safety of the youths participating. Mr. Whalen suggested we proceed with a pilot program. The other members agreed to proceed. The chairman asked for specifics to be outlined for a future motion.

The chairman asked the members if it is necessary to make ground to stand safety lines mandatory within the management program in light of the fallen hunter last season.

The chairman asked for more discussion and the committee will vote on the proposal in March.

The chairman has been in contact with one property owner, and is aware of others that have concerns due to the heavy deer population on the north side on Treasure Lk between the marina and Silverwoods. It has become clear that steps need to be taken to control this area.

There are small parklets with few homes in these areas that are possible to consider for additional parklet hunting. The chairman asked that every member walk the area to determine if the areas can be hunted safely with little impact on local residences. Mr. Whalen suggested additional hunter restrictions and rules for these areas. Only after all the members have agreed that these areas will meet our safety and feasibility criteria will we proceed.

The chairman stated that the Committee will be moving forward with the reposting of the property where necessary. The chair has been in contact with the GM in regards to paint and signs. The chairman asked that the POA contact the neighboring property owner advising them of our intentions so any disputes can be rectified. There are certain individuals we expect to have issue with the reposting.

Mr. Whalen stated that the satellite app we will be using has a plus or minus 10ft accuracy according to the company representative. Mr. Testi stated that there should be stakes in the ground to show the original survey as well as mature timber along the lines. The chairman will continue dialog with the GM to determine when it will be feasible to begin the posting.

The chairman reminded the members that the USDA and the POA will be setting up a training session to explain the procedure for the control of the geese. Anyone willing to assist in the project should attend the meeting. Members will be advised of the date and time.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 PM.