

CWD update from DNR and USDA

I have been in contact with Christine Reisz, DNR, and Jeff Grabarkewitz, USDA, in regards to CWD management efforts by the state agencies.

The DNR contracts with the USDA to do the extracting of deer from their target areas. They have identified two areas of Mission Township property that they would want access to for deer extraction.

The first area is the land where the transfer station is. They want to have access through township land to get to the tax forfeited land east of the property. The county gave permission to hunt the tax forfeited land.

The second area is the township acreage that includes the park and trails.

They plan to put out blinds, stands and bait trays the week of the 15th through the 22nd. They might use clover traps which are baited live traps. They would have a camera on the trap then dispatch the trapped deer with a 22 pistol.

The actual shooting would happen in the evening beginning on the 29th and longer depending on how many deer are shot.

The deer would be removed with ATV and track ATVs. Trucks and trailers would haul the deer to Grand Rapids for processing. The ATVs and hunters would need access to the traps.

I am meeting Jeff at the park on Friday as he is coming here to look at the areas. Attached is the map of the area and agreement for easement.