

**TOWNSHIP OF LEBANON
HUNTERDON COUNTY, NEW JERSEY**

RESOLUTION NO. 77-2021

DESIGNATING SPECIFIC TRACTS OF MUNICIPAL OWNED PARKS AND OPEN SPACES TO BE INCLUDED IN LEBANON TOWNSHIP'S DEER MANAGEMENT PROGRAM PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 269, ARTICLE 269-7 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LEBANON FOR THE HUNTING SEASON BEGINNING IN SEPTEMBER 2021 AND ENDING IN FEBRUARY 2022

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Lebanon amended Chapter 269, "Park and Playgrounds," of the Code of the Township of Lebanon, as part of a comprehensive deer management plan for the purpose of reducing the Township's white-tailed deer population to allow limited hunting on the Township's parks and open spaces; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 269 of the Code authorizes the Township Committee to annually designate by Resolution which parks and open spaces will be made available for hunting through the Township's municipal deer management program and during which hunting season; and

WHEREAS, the Lebanon Township Chief of Police will be the designated Appropriate Authority to execute the lottery selection on September 3, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Deer Harvest report will be required to be returned to the Municipal Office by March 31, 2022, failure to return this document will exclude the Applicant from the 2022-2023 hunting season.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Lebanon, in the County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, as follows:

SECTION ONE:

1. Pursuant to Chapter 269 of the Code of the Township of Lebanon, the hunting of white-tailed deer will be allowed on the properties listed below within the timeframes established by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Division of Fish and Wildlife ("State"). The anticipated hunting season will be from September 11, 2021, to February 19, 2022, subject to the restrictions and conditions set forth below. In the event any of the dates below are inconsistent with any dates established by the State for the appropriate season, the State's dates shall apply, unless limited in specific instances by the Township of Lebanon in accordance with paragraph 2 of this Resolution.

A. Shady Lane, Lebanon Twp

Designation: Block 49 Lot 89.01

Location: 41.6 acres

Seasons/dates: This property shall be open to bow hunting during all regular deer hunting seasons established by the State of New Jersey for deer management zone 8 for 2021 -2022, including fall bow, permit bow, winter bow. The specific dates on which hunting will be permitted are established by the State for the appropriate season, the State's dates shall apply, unless limited in specific instances by the Township of Lebanon in accordance with paragraph 2 of this Resolution:

Permits: No more than three (3) municipal deer management permits shall be issued for this property.

Hunting on Sundays shall be strictly prohibited. Permittees using elevated tree stands on Township property should use a full-body safety harness.

B. Shady Lane, Lebanon Twp

Designation: Block 49 Lot 89.02

Location: 15.16 acres

Seasons/dates: This property shall be open to bow hunting during all regular deer hunting seasons established by the State of New Jersey for deer management zone 8 for 2021 -2022, including fall bow, permit bow, winter bow. The specific dates on which hunting will be permitted are established by the State for the appropriate season, the State's dates shall apply, unless limited in specific instances by the Township of Lebanon in accordance with paragraph 2 of this Resolution:

Permits: No more than two (2) municipal deer management permits shall be issued for this property.

Hunting on Sundays shall be strictly prohibited. Permittees using elevated tree stands on Township property should use a full-body safety harness.

C. Woodglen Road, Lebanon Twp

Designation: Block 36 Lot 17

Location: 25 acres

Seasons/dates: This property shall be open to bow hunting during all regular deer hunting seasons established by the State of New Jersey for deer management zone 8 for 2021 -2022, including fall bow, permit bow, winter bow. The specific dates on which hunting will be permitted are established by the State for the appropriate season, the State's dates shall apply, unless limited in specific instances by the Township of Lebanon in accordance with paragraph 2 of this Resolution:

Permits: No more than two (2) municipal deer management permits shall be issued for this property.

Hunting on Sundays shall be strictly prohibited. Permittees using elevated tree stands on Township property should use a full-body safety harness.

D. Sun Mountain Road, Lebanon Twp

Designation: Block 24 Lot 2

Location: 65 acres

Seasons/dates: This property shall be open to bow hunting during all regular deer hunting seasons established by the State of New Jersey for deer management zone 8 for 2021 -2022, including fall bow, permit bow, winter bow. The specific dates on which hunting will be permitted are established by the State for the appropriate season, the State's dates shall apply, unless limited in specific instances by the Township of Lebanon in accordance with paragraph 2 of this Resolution:

Permits: No more than four (4) municipal deer management permits shall be issued for this property.

Hunting on Sundays shall be strictly prohibited. Permittees using elevated tree stands on Township property should use a full-body safety harness.

E. Anthony Road, Lebanon Twp

Designation: Block 49 Lot 4.02

Location: 57 acres

Seasons/dates: This property shall be open to bow hunting during all regular deer hunting seasons established by the State of New Jersey for deer management zone 8 for 2021 -2022, including fall bow, permit bow, winter bow. The specific dates on which hunting will be permitted are established by the State for the appropriate season, the State's dates shall apply, unless limited in specific instances by the Township of Lebanon in accordance with paragraph 2 of this Resolution:

Permits: No more than four (4) municipal deer management permits shall be issued for this property.

Hunting on Sundays shall be strictly prohibited. Permittees using elevated tree stands on Township property should use a full-body safety harness.

F. Red Mill Race Preserve

Designation: Block 35 Lot 88

Location: 10 acres

Seasons/dates: This property shall be open to bow hunting during all regular deer hunting seasons established by the State of New Jersey for deer management zone 8 for 2021 -2022, including fall bow, permit bow, winter bow. The specific dates on which hunting will be permitted are established by the State for the appropriate season, the State's dates shall apply, unless limited in specific instances by the Township of Lebanon in accordance with paragraph 2 of this Resolution:

Permits: No more than two (2) municipal deer management permits shall be issued for this property.

Hunting on Sundays shall be strictly prohibited. Permittees using elevated tree stands on Township property should use a full-body safety harness.

2. Except as otherwise set forth, hunting shall be allowed only during the dates designated by the State of New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Division of Fish and Wildlife for the applicable seasons listed above. The specific dates shall be set forth on each permit. Any dates set forth on the permits notwithstanding, the Township may make it a condition of any permit that hunting not take place on certain days as may be necessary to protect the health and safety of the public.

Fall bow: September 11, 2021 - October 29, 2021

Permit bow: October 30, 2021 - December 31, 2021

Winter bow: January 1, 2022 - February 19, 2022

3. The hunting, shooting or killing any other game is strictly prohibited.
4. Hunting may take place only pursuant to the requirements set forth in Chapter 269 of the Code of the Township of Lebanon and all applicable State and local regulations. In the event of any inconsistency, the more restrictive standard shall govern.
5. Warning signs shall be posted at the entrances to the properties designated above. In addition, the properties shall be posted in accordance with any specific terms and conditions of the individual permits.
6. A press release and a legal notice in a form approved by the Township Attorney notifying the public of the above designated dates and locations shall be published on the Township's website and shall be submitted to the Township's officially-designated newspaper(s), as well as such others newspaper(s) as may be deemed advisable to publicize the above-referenced dates and locations as widely as possible.

7. The Township reserves the right to modify the conditions and restrictions set forth above at any time, including after issuance of the 2021 - 2022 permits, in the interests of the public health, safety and welfare of Township residents.
8. Permittees are limited to the use of one portable tree stand per permittee.
9. Permittees shall be required to maintain liability insurance coverage equal to or greater than that provided by membership in the United Bowhunters of New Jersey (\$5 million total at the time of adoption of this resolution).
10. Permittees must be at least eighteen (18) years of age.
11. Each Permittee shall be allowed to bring one additional hunter per day who is under the age of eighteen (18), provided the hunter under eighteen (18) has obtained the required State license and complied with all conditions of that license.

SECTION TWO:

This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

August 18, 2021