

Granville Township Land Management Committee Minutes

The committee met January 30, 2007 at 7:30 p.m. in the sexton's building at Maple Grove Cemetery. Present were Bob Schaidt, Greg Dixon, Craig McDonald, Grace Gordon, Laura Mickelson, Mickey Smith and Andy McCall.

Minutes of the January 17, 2007 meeting were amended and approved.

Several papers were distributed among the group. These included:

- 1: A copy of The Historical Times (Volume XIX Issue 2, May, 2005), describing the resources of Spring Valley;
- 2: notes from an October 10, 2006 meeting of Sunset Drive residents with Wes Sargent;
- 3: The Salt Wall Archaeological Project Interim Report: Results of 1999 Fieldwork by Andrew Mickelson (January 17, 2000).

Craig reported that he had initiated contact with Wes Sargent about the Salt Run logging receipts and status of the logging contract and is waiting for Wes to respond.

Chuck Peterson of the Granville Sentinel contacted Craig regarding management of the Kraner property. Craig told him that was not a thing we can question yet because the property has not even been approved for purchase. Election on the issue is scheduled for February 6, 2007.

Members of the committee who went on a survey walk of the Salt Run & Spring Valley parcels January 28, 2007 discussed features of the properties and possible uses. We compared the walk experience with notes from the October 10, 2006 notes of the meeting with Sunset Drive residents and the township. As a result of that discussion three short term needs for the properties were identified:

1. The current freezing conditions would be an appropriate time to ask township employees to clear out dead tree tops on the Salt Fork and Spring Valley parcels. We would ask that not all the debris be hauled away, but that some branches and tree tops be spread out on the ground to decay. We would ask Wes to arrange to have representatives of the committee meet with Frank Annarino to go over the area and talk about what needs to be cleared. This activity may be a suitable one to have media coverage.
2. Controlling water generally, and more specifically, drainage of the road created by the logging, needs to be considered before erosion becomes a problem. This already cut wide road could be useful if modified for the setting. The current road width of about six feet can be developed to include small plant growth along the edges, narrowing it to approximately three feet, and leaving an actual walking treadway of about 18 inches. We may need to consider hiring an arborist to assist us in deciding what types of plant growth would be best.
3. A third need is to close the logging road to public motorized traffic. The road from the open field section should have some sort of temporary blockage that would secure the gateway and still be able to be opened when necessary.

The next meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, February 13, 2007 at 7:30 p.m. in the sexton's building at Maple Grove Cemetery.

Respectfully submitted by Mickey Smith