

Granville Township Land Management Committee
October 18, 2007 Minutes

Present: Judy Preston, Craig McDonald, Greg Dixon, Rob Schaadt, Roger Dunifon and Mickey Smith.

Roger Dunifon was introduced as a new member of the committee.

The October meeting had been changed from October 4 to October 18 due to conflicting schedules.

Minutes of the September 6 meeting were read and approved and will be forwarded to Wes Sargent and the Granville Trustees. Minutes of all the previous meetings will be forwarded to Roger.

Craig reported that he and Rob met with Phil Watts and Wes Sargent October 2, 2007 to discuss development of the proposed farm management plan. Phil rents and farms the parcel chosen by the committee as the pilot plot for this plan. Both Phil and Wes responded positively to the concept of a farm management plan and agreed we should proceed with discussions to develop such a plan. Rob will meet with Bill Laughlin on October 24 to initiate a design that would be applicable for township farm land rentals.

Several aspects of the work associated with Spring Valley/Salt Run were reviewed:

1. The township is contracted with Trucco Industries to have the pool filled in and surrounding hedges removed. Craig will talk with Jim Gardner of Trucco about saving the memorial plantings within that area.
2. Craig is continuing to talk with three Eagle Scout candidates about scouting projects within the Spring Valley / Salt Run trails. Scout Erik Schmittgen has obtained funding from the Granville Kiwanis to complete his project of trail markings and is waiting for approval by Boy Scout leaders. Two other Eagle Scout candidates have discussed a variety of possible projects but have not made commitments. Craig will continue to keep in contact with the three young scouts.
3. Debris from the logging at Salt Run remains to be cleared.
4. We are waiting to hear if the Licking County Land Trust will be contracting a landscape architect for further work at Spring Valley.
5. No date has been set for opening the area to the public but the trails are fairly well ready for public access.

It was agreed that a summary of the committee's achievements will be drawn up and submitted to the Trustees for review. Mickey will initiate the summary and submit it to the committee for their input and review.

At this point the committee will set up a second visit of the Quisenberry property. Rob will ask the renting farmer, Dan VanNess, to accompany us on this visit. Goals for the visit will be to more carefully define the boundaries of the property and to identify trees growing on it.

The next meeting of the committee will be Thursday, November 15, 2007 at 7:30 p.m. at the Sexton's House of Maple Grove Cemetery.

Respectfully submitted by Mickey Smith