

Granville Township Land Management Committee - Minutes / February 20, 2007 meeting

The February 20, 2007 meeting was held in place of the February 13 meeting which had been postponed due to inclement weather. The meeting was held at 7:30 pm in the sexton's building of Maple Grove Cemetery. Present were Craig McDonald, Judy Preston, Laura Mickelson, Greg Dixon, Grace Gordon, and Mickey Smith. Minutes of the January 30 meeting were reviewed, modified and approved.

A draft of short term goals for the Salt Run parcel had been prepared by Craig. The goals were discussed and clarified. Craig will rewrite them for review at our next meeting.

Craig reported Wes had responded to his inquiry about the logging contract and any funds resulting from the logging that was done at Salt Run. Wes said that there currently is no contract for the logging. He also said the township had received \$7500 for the timber that was logged. He informed Craig that the funds were available for use by the committee and that any request for monies should come through Norm Kennedy.

There was a discussion of strategies for trail building within the Salt Run area. Width, materials that may be used, allowance for handicap access and surface water were topics presented for consideration. Current thought is that committee members would begin a scheduled checking of the area to learn where surface water develops and how it might be controlled.

The use of community volunteer groups to work trails and cleanup of the area was considered. There was a question of liability for such workers. Using only township workers for any chain saw work will minimize liability concerns. Grace told the group she had developed a waiver form that was approved by the township trustees for such volunteer work. She will share that form with the committee. National Trail Day, in early June, may be an appropriate setting for such a volunteer work day for the area.

Craig reviewed the original directive from the trustees for this committee and suggested we proceed to become acquainted with the Pohm and Quisenberry properties. The committee set March 18, 2007 to walk these parcels.

Grace offered to contact Wes about any legal implications for use of the parcels currently being studied. Those include the Salt Run, Spring Valley, Pohm and Quisenberry parcels.

Grace reported that a Green Team from Denison had contacted her about the possibility of planting trees somewhere in the area as an Earth Day activity. Craig connected that request with the concept of developing a sustainable tree lot for the village. He said the Ohio Division of Forestry would be willing to help with such a project.

Meetings were set for: March 8, 2007 to review the rewrite of the short-term goals statement; March 18, 2007 to walk the Pohm and Quisenberry parcels and March 22, 2007 as the next regular meeting date.

Respectively submitted: Mickey Smith