

Granville Township Land Management Committee
March 22, 2007 meeting Minutes

The committee met March 22, 2007 at 7:30 p.m. in the Sexton's building of Maple Grove Cemetery. Present were Andy McCall, Rob Schaadt, Craig McDonald, Judy Preston, Laura Mickelson, Grace Gordon and Mickey Smith.

Craig reported he:

- had e-mailed Wes Sargent a copy of the goals statement the committee had approved at the March 8 meeting;
- is researching trail standards based on the U.S. Forestry Service;
- has talked with Chuck Peterson of the Granville Sentinel about possible public announcement articles.

Thursday, March 29 at 3:30 was decided on as a date to get together at Spring Valley to see where trails will be developed. Trail Work Day has been set for Saturday, April 21. Grace and Craig will meet to brainstorm needs for the activity.

The committee discussed characteristics of the Pohm and Quisenberry properties as noted during our walk on Sunday, March 18. Discussion focused on possible access points and appropriate use of each property. The Pohm property may have moderate parking already available on the River Road and Mill Race roadways. The possibility of having a community hiking day to introduce the area to the community was also discussed. Grace suggested developing a walk-guide tool to use as we walk other properties.

The group is becoming more convinced of the need to learn of any legal restrictions on the use of public open spaces, particularly as defined by the form of funding used to purchase the lands. It also stresses a desire to know how the public wants these open-space parcels to be used. We will pursue the trustee's proposed scheduling of a community meeting for input on the topic.

Grace reported that Hans Gorsuch (Denison University arborist) responded to her inquiry about the safety of tapping maple trees. He told her that, "if you follow the proper guidelines when you tap a maple tree, it does not significantly affect the health of the tree".

Craig will contact Wes to:

- invite the trustees to our next meeting;
- forward Mr. Gorsuch's response concerning the safety of maple tree tapping;
- ask for information on legal uses and restrictions on open-space parcels;
- ask about the scheduling of the public Open Space community meeting; and
- ask for a response to the short-term goals presented to the trustees.

Respectively submitted by Mickey Smith