

Granville Township Land Management Committee
January 15, 2008

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

Minutes of the November 15 meeting were read and approved.

Craig will send a thank you note to Alex Miller, acknowledging his work building a bridge within the Salt Run / Spring Valley trail structure. Craig is still working with Eric Schmittgen on his proposed work within the area. They are discussing possible sites for identification signs on the trails, bench designs and placements as well as mapping of the trails.

Craig had met with Wes Sargent to review planned activities for the Spring Valley. Among major issues discussed were our short term goal of clearing the cut logs along the trail and when the township hoped to officially open the area to the public. Neither issue was resolved. The committee believes in order to provide for public safety several things need to be completed before officially opening the area. This includes clearing the large logs from the trail areas, providing blazes and markers along the trails and mapping of the trails.

Wes did confirm that the Licking County Land Trust will be in charge of developing the open land area at Spring Valley and was getting funds to develop a vernal pool region at the former swimming pool site. Wes also reported the house on the property is still not rented, and that the pump house is to be kept and made usable for storage. Craig shared our thoughts with Wes that the memorials found during the pool fill-in process should be replaced.

The committee discussed the desire to conduct a second trail work day on Earth Day this year. Laura will talk with Laurel Kennedy about getting Denison students to help supervise younger students on the trails. The committee suggested this may be time for use to purchase our own equipment for such work.

Weather conditions prevented the committee from walking the Kennedy-Rader and Quisenberry properties in December. However, Rob will proceed to work with Jim Johnson of the USDA on crop rotation and soil conditioning issues for the acreage being farmed. The committee will wait to decide when to walk the Quisenberry and Kennedy-Rader parcels.

The next meeting is set for Tuesday, February 12, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by: Mickey Smith