

Granville Township Land Management Meeting – October 21, 2008

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

Guests: Bill Brady, Joe Ciricosta and Don Lewis of Granville Kiwanis

Minutes of the September 30 meeting were read and approved. They will be forwarded to the Township Trustees and members of the Licking County Land Trust.

Don Lewis presented a proposal asking that the Kiwanis of Granville be allowed to develop a Maple Sugar Bush project on a minimum of three acres of the Salt Run parcel. The proposal asks that a long-term lease be signed with the township in which the Kiwanis would assume responsibility for the planting and maintenance of the bush with an understanding that ownership of the maple trees would revert to the township should Kiwanis be unable to continue its participation in the maple sugar bush project.

The committee reviewed the document, suggested minor changes and strongly supported having it submitted to the Township Trustees. Craig will send an approved copy of the proposal to the committee members and Rob will deliver it to the trustees. Rob will ask that it be put on the trustee agenda for the first available meeting in November. A cover letter telling the trustees that the Kiwanis group presented its proposal to us and that we approved and send it on with our full support.

It was also suggested that Kiwanis members identify any tappable trees currently growing at Spring Valley and come back to us in December or January with a listing of trees they would like to tap in the spring, 2009.

Craig recommended we inform the trustees of the Kiwanis's concern for neighbors' support of the project and that we are willing to help inform the surrounding residents of what will be happening at the parcel.

Craig reported on the progress being made by two Eagle Scout candidates on projects at the Spring Valley / Salt Run Park. Derek Esh is planning a camp site and kiosk and Luke Fergang will construct a series of ten benches throughout the area. Both boys will present plans at our next meeting. A Girl Scout troop and a third Eagle Scout candidate have contacted Craig about doing projects at the site. The Denison Environmental Studies class students are currently working on establishing boundary markers and developing a map of the site.

Craig has served as chair of the committee for two years and is recommending that a new chair be named for the 2009 year. Mickey is willing to continue serving as recorder / secretary of the group.

The next meeting was set for Tuesday, November 11, 2008 at 7:30 in the Sexton building of Maple Grove Cemetery.

Submitted by Mickey Smith