

Granville Township Land Management Committee

March 17, 2008

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

The minutes of the March 6, 2008 meeting were read and approved. Copies will be e-mailed to the trustees, Candi Moore, Mike Mickelson and Doug Spieles.

Earth Day Trail work plans for Saturday, April 19, 2008 were clarified. The event, which will be from 9:00 a.m to 1:00 p.m will involve both Granville Middle School and Denison University students. Megan Ogle of Denison University will supervise the Denison students. Craig will check with Megan to determine the tasks for which her students will be responsible. Generally the plan calls for workers to install blazes on trees, clear trails of branches and brush, build a new section of trail adjacent to the wooden bridge build by Alex Miller and rebuild the rock/stepping stone bridge across the creek. Students will be asked to bring a sack lunch and the committee will see to providing drinks and cookies. Judy and Laura will bake cookies for the day.

If time is available, additional tasks would include cleaning the steps to the upper shelter house and checking the trail established north of the gas line. Craig will see that the restrooms are operable for the day. There is also a need to ensure trash cans are available for that day. Mickey agreed to be at the shelter house during the work day.

Craig will ask Doug Spieles if Denison can provide working tools and will see to having Granville school students' permission slips and a First-Aid kit on hand.

Craig will arrange an appointment with Fred Abraham, new Township Trustee, to take him to the Spring Valley / Salt Run Park and show him the work that has been done.

Roger mentioned the trustee's positive response to Rod's work with Wes at the rental house at Spring Valley. Wes also asked that Craig talk with the Rec Commission to see if they are willing to be responsible for taking any reservations for the shelter house use. Craig did make that contact and Lisa Miller has agreed.

Greg and Craig will meet to do a pre-work day walk through the Spring Valley / Salt Run trail area.

The committee was informed of the Licking Land Trust's plan to have a public event at Spring Valley on Earth Day (April 22). The committee agreed to help in any way it can.

The next meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, April 8 at 7:30 p.m.

A question was brought up about reported leasing of the farming plots. Rob will check the Advocate to determine facts about the issue.

Respectfully submitted by: Mickey Smith

