

Granville Township Land Management Committee

August 26, 2008 minutes

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

Minutes of the July 29, 2008 meeting were read and approved. Copies will be forwarded to the Township Trustees, Candi Moore, Dr. Mickelson and Doug Spieles. The Summary of Activities of the committee was reviewed. Copies will be e-mailed to the committee and to the Licking Land Trust. Copies had been given to the Township Trustees earlier in the month.

Craig is working with Eagle Scouts about possible projects to be completed within the Spring Valley / Salt Run parcel. These include: building stepping stone bridges, construction of a kiosk and developing a map of the trails. Roger will contact the Licking Land Trust to confirm the appropriateness of these projects within Spring Valley.

The possibility of building a longer, wooden bridge over the creek was also discussed. The Scouts involved in the projects will be asked to research the conditions of building such a bridge and present their findings to us at a later meeting.

Wes has asked the committee to consider uses for the farming site at Spring Valley. Two suggestions were presented: a sugar bush site for the Kiwanis Maple Syrup project and the development of a community organic gardening plot. Mickey will contact Don Lewis to arrange a meeting time with Greg, Laura and Judy to review the area as a possible sugar bush. Budget needs of water and parking at the site in order to use it as an organic farm plot site will be discussed with the trustees.

The future of the committee is still being studied by the trustees. Rob has developed a structure of the Land Management committee to offer the trustees. This format identifies an organization of the committee that provides the means by which we believe we can serve the needs of the township in determining the best use of the property acquired through public green space funds.

Wes has asked to meet with the committee on Thursday, August 28, 2008. At that time we would affirm our desire to continue working in this role and believe we are qualified to help determine the best use of our green space property as defined by easement agreements associated with the purchase of such lands. We would offer Wes the following questions:

1. may we as a committee make public statements?
2. may we investigate develop rights of acquired property?

Next meeting is August 28, 2008.

Submitted by Mickey Smith

