

Granville Township Land Management Committee

August 28, 2008 minutes

Present: Greg Dixon, Craig McDonald, Judy Preston, Rob Schaadt, Roger Dunifon, Wes Sargent and Mickey Smith. Minutes of the August 26, 2008 meeting were read and approved.

Wes brought the committee up to date on what has been done at Spring Valley since it became a part of the township green space program.

Craig told Wes that we, as a committee were willing to continue working as a land management committee for the township green space venture and that he sees us as a qualified group to do that task. Wes expressed the trustees' recognition of the work done by the Land Management committee and asked how we see ourselves continuing to function within the current structure.

Rob asked if, in addition to continuing work at the Spring Valley/Salt Run Park we might undertake the oversight of properties purchased for development rights. The committee proposed inspecting those properties once or twice a year, ensuring conditions of the purchase was being met. Wes will present the proposal to the trustees.

Wes asked that continuing work at the Spring Valley/Salt Run parcel include making safe crossing of the creek a priority. Craig outlined current plans for Eagle Scout projects which include construction of at least two bridges. Craig presented three bridge sites as important at this time. There was also a discussion of working with a Denison University professor to engage her Environmental Studies class in a significant project within the park. Craig will meet with the professor soon to review possible activities. Judy and Mickey will work with Craig in helping develop this project.

A question of needing to seek approval of the Land Trust about activities that may be done on Spring Valley was raised. Wes told us we are responsible to the trustees and not the Licking County Land Trust; any decisions involving the Land Trust will be assumed by the trustees;

Rob asked about work on the Quisenberry parcel. Spreading of sludge on the field was a question and will be studied. Other Quisenberry parcel issues included logging of trees on the parcel and its use as a possible site for the Kiwanis sugar bush. The Pohm property and farm plot on Salt Run were also suggested as a possible sugar bush sites. Members of the committee will meet with Don Lewis, of the Kiwanis, about these possible sites.

In summary, Wes said that he would like to see us continue working on Spring Valley / Salt Run, look seriously at the Quisenberry and Pohm sites and make recommendations to the trustees regarding their most appropriate use.

Wes's report to the trustees will include the following comments:

- We expressed willingness to continuing work as a land management group for the township. He will suggest we continue as we are.
- We will work on finding a use for the 5 acre plot at Salt Run; review the Quisenberry property for any possible logging or use as a Kiwanis sugar bush; and
- That the committee meets quarterly with the trustees.

Our next meeting was set for Tuesday, September 9, 2008 at 7:30 p.m.