

Granville Township Land Management Committee
January 20, 2009 meeting

Attending: Rob Schaadt, Craig McDonald, Judy Preston, Greg Dixon, Roger Dunifon, Laura Mickelson and Mickey Smith. Guests: Charlie Severson; Maureen Severson.

Eagle Scout candidate Charlie Severson presented a proposal to construct a creek crossing of concrete stepping stones within the Salt Run Creek. He described his planned method of placing rebar rods through a series of preformed concrete stones. The rebar will be rooted in the creek bed. Funding and Boy Scout approval still need to be secured. The committee discussed several issues with Charlie and urged him to continue finalizing his plans.

Minutes of the December 17, 2008 meeting were reviewed, corrected and approved. Copies will be forwarded to the trustees and Licking County Land Trust members.

Public Relations: Judy Preston reported an e-mail address for the committee has been posted on the township website. She presented a draft copy of a Land Management Committee website page we propose adding to the township website. Committee members recommended she and Mickey continue condensing the information offered on the page. Mickey will ask the Sentinel to include the new e-mail address in its meeting announcements as well as submit a short paragraph announcement about the new address.

Parks & Trails: Craig told us that Denison has funds for the scout projects planned for the Spring Valley / Salt Run Nature Preserve. He said that the local Girl Scout troop is interested in either constructing a gazebo at the park or developing an interpretive trail. There was concern that a gazebo might violate easement restrictions at the Spring Valley parcel. That project will need further study. Craig had no progress report on either Luke Fergang or Derek Esh's project for Spring Valley. Both projects have received township trustee approval.

Agriculture: Rob presented a summary of the Quisenberry property walk with Dan VanNess earlier this month. Mr. VanNess told us that the soil condition of the front field is a significant issue. Rob will check with Norm about having an EPA review of the soil. He recommends razing the out-buildings on the parcel. Logging possibilities seem to be minimal. The Agriculture committee will develop a more detailed summary of the walk and present it to the trustees.

Additional topics: Don Lewis of the Kiwanis said the club is waiting to see a lease for the Sugar Bush.

Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 10, 2009 at 7:30 pm.

Submitted by: Mickey Smith