

Granville Township Land Management Committee

December 1, 2009 meeting minutes

ATTENDING: Judy Preston, Rob Schaadt, Roger Dunifon, Greg Dixon, Laura Mickelson, Grace Gordon and Mickey Smith

MINUTES: It was decided to continue approving meeting minutes by e-mail.

PUBLIC RELATIONS: Judy presented a proposed Volunteer Picture Page to be included on the Township Trustees Web-Site link to the Land Management Committee. The committee reviewed the document, offered suggestions and approved submitting it to Norm.

It was also suggested that an article be submitted to the Sentinel describing the Picture Page and the variety of volunteer work being done at the Spring Valley Nature Preserve.

PARKS AND TRAILS: Greg reported that the new benches built and installed by the Granville Girl Scout troop are 'grrrrrrreat' ! Rob has sent the scouts a note of appreciation.

The committee proposed a future project for the Preserve be one which would more clearly identify the trail starting point. Another suggestion would be placing markers at the corners of the Gordon plot.

Grace offered the committee a County Auditor's Tax map of the Gordon plot. It will be very helpful as the committee continues to incorporate the plot into the parks and trail system of the Preserve. She also submitted an Overview and Recommendation Summary for the property. Rob will submit the summary proposal to the trustees at their meeting as soon as possible.

OTHER: Judy had received an e-mail alerting us to the presence of an invasive bittersweet growth within the township. Though the property cited in the e-mail was not one with which the committee has any jurisdiction, it did prompt us to see invasive plantings as a concern within the township. It was suggested that we approach Denison University with the issue and see if it might be a potential topic of study for them. Grace will contact Dr. Andy McCall about the issue. It was agreed that we can refer to the Spring Valley / Salt Run project by the unified name of Spring Valley Nature Preserve.

Dr. Aquilar's class will present their study results for the development of a Nature Center at Spring Valley Nature Preserve on December 17, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.

The committee unanimously agreed to oppose any gas and/or oil exploration plans for the Granville School District. We encourage the public to contact the School Board and express their opposition.

The next meeting was set for Tuesday, January 26, 2010.

Submitted by Mickey Smith

