

Granville Township Land Management Committee - May 19, 2009 minutes  
Present: Rob Schaadt, Craig McDonald, Greg Dixon, Judy Preston, Roger Dunifon, Laura Mickelson and Mickey Smith

Minutes of the April 14, 2009 meeting were read, corrected and approved. They will be forwarded to the trustees and members of the Licking Land Trust.

Public Relations: A letter to Fred Abraham stating our support of his opposition to any oil and/or gas drilling on Green Space / Township owned properties was drafted by Laura and Greg. It was accepted, with modifications. Rob will deliver the letter to Fred.

Parks & Trails: Greg reported Ryan Green has not started his Eagle Scout project for Spring Valley but has organized a crew to work with him. Funding is not established but should be reasonable. The committee commended Greg for the expeditious manner in which he worked with Ryan in getting this project going. Greg said Ryan expects to have the project completed by the end of June. Ryan was asked to work with Lesa Miller regarding timing of the project. Craig reported that Derek Esh is completing the kiosk; Luke Fergang is working with Craig to put in a bench by the paddle tennis court. Modifications of the original plan were made to make the bench more usable. Neither John Filipi or Charlie Severson have been in contact with Craig for a while. He is unsure of their time schedules at this point.

The committee suggested that pictures be taken of scout projects for inclusion on our web site.

Discussion followed regarding a need to establish which of the groups involved with the Preserve are responsible for individual tasks at both Spring Valley and Salt Run. Rob told us that a meeting is scheduled with representatives of our committee, the Land Trust, the Rec Commission and the Township Trustees. One of the questions for that meeting will address the issue of responsibilities for the Preserve. The committee believes our primary role should be to oversee changes in use of the land and how it looks. We would not be involved in "day-to-day" issues. We do have a need to know what legal limitations shape our work.

Norm Kennedy gave the committee a copy of the Licking Park District rules to guide and augment our work in drafting a set of rules for the preserve. Judy volunteered to work with Rob on that task.

Agriculture: The Kiwanis have planted the maple seedlings at the Salt Run plot. Rob will ask Jennifer Lewis for pictures to be included on the web site.

The Gordon property has still not closed.

Next meeting: no meeting was scheduled for June.

Submitted by Mickey Smith