

Granville Township Land Management Committee - August 25, 2009 minutes  
Present: Greg Dixon, Roger Dunifon, Rob Schaadt, Judy Preston and Mickey Smith; Guests: Dr. Aguilar and Charlie Severson.

Minutes of the May meeting were not available for reading. The committee will read and make corrections/approve by way of e-mail. Once the minutes have been approved they will be forwarded to the trustees and members of the Land Trust.

Dr. Aguilar presented the syllabus for the Denison University Practicum course for this Fall. The class will study the concept and dimensions of Nature Centers and how they might be applicable to Spring Valley Nature Center. The purpose of the course this year will be to develop plans for a Nature Center at Spring Valley. The committee welcomed her plans and agreed to help in any way we can.

Charlie Severson reported he had completed his Eagle Scout project at the Spring Valley Preserve on June 27, 2009. He explained that some adjustments in his original plan became necessary and that he was able to make five crossings in the area. Cost was \$132.46. The committee had told him earlier in the year that it would assist in funding the project. Rob will contact the trustees for the reimbursement.

Craig McDonald has submitted a resignation from the committee to the trustees. His leadership has been a major force in the development of this committee. We hope that he will continue, in an informal manner, to be a link between us and students who would still want to participate in helping ensure an appropriate use of township land.

Rob has talked with Lori Weaver of the Girl Scout troop. The girls would like to put in additional benches in the Salt Run area. Rob developed a bench drawing that would be given to the Girl Scouts to be used as a guide. The trustees have approved the idea and the committee recommended that the project proceed. Rob will serve as contact with the Scouts. The committee will meet this Friday at 6:30 to identify sites for the benches.

The township trustees and Licking County Land Trust have approved the Eagle Scout project submitted by Matt Miller. He will erect a bridge over Salt Run Creek in the Spring Valley Preserve. Greg and Roger will serve as contact with Matt.

The Land Trust has assigned a sub-committee, consisting of Doug Spieles and Mary Fitch, to oversee work at Spring Valley.

The issue of the bathhouse was discussed. Rob discussed the current condition of the pump house with Fred Abraham. He said he would look into it to see what

could be done. On a suggestion by Candi Moore of the Land Trust, Rob arranged to meet with a contractor this week to see if the structure is worth saving and what it would take to bring it to a usable status.

Fred Abraham will talk with the other trustees to see what can be done to repair the pump house at Spring Valley.

Trash cans at Spring Valley are still a concern and need to be made secure. Rob reported that Fred Abraham is working with the township trash collection company ( Big O) to deliver additional cans and has worked out a way to secure the lids when they arrive.

It has been noted that the Granville Kiwanis have mowed the new Sugar Bush field at Salt Run twice since taking possession of the field. Mickey will contact the group to see about plans for further mowing. A disc of pictures taken by Kiwanis during the planting of the maple trees was provided to the committee for its use.

Judy has initiated a web page to be linked to the township site. The page will hold pictures of activities related to the work done by scouts and others at various pieces of township lands.

Next meeting was set for Thursday, September 24, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. at the Sexton House at Maple Grove Cemetery.

Submitted by Mickey Smith