

GRANVILLE TOWNSHIP LAND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
November 30, 2010
Minutes

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

GUESTS: Trustee appointee Paul Jenks

PUBLIC RELATIONS:

Conservation Easement request: Judy had received an e-mail from Larry Kretzmann of First Federal Savings asking for information regarding application for a conservation easement. Rob will talk with the e-mailer and refer him to the township trustees.

PARKS AND TRAILS:

Spring Valley Memorial plantings: Grace reported that Linda Ailes and the Leavell family have arranged to have a memorial tree planted within Spring Valley Preserve on December 1, 2010. The tree, a 2 1/2 inches in diameter, native Eastern Redbud, will be planted following Licking Land Trust guidelines and will have a small plaque similar to other tree memorials on the site. Grace was encouraged to invite local news media to report the event.

Bath House Burn: The Granville Township Fire Department will do a controlled burn of the Bath House at Spring Valley Saturday morning, December 4, 2010. Chief Hussey has ensured us that precautions will be taken to safe guard memorial trees planted adjacent to the BathHouse. Several large limestone blocks in the immediate area will also need to be moved to an appropriate safe spot. From the trustee minutes it appears that someone has expressed an interest in salvaging materials from the other two out-buildings in the pool area. Rob will check with Trustee VanNess to see if the individual still has an interest in those materials.

AGRICULTURE:

Burg St. And Pohm leases: Norm Kennedy has asked Rob to initiate leases for the Burg St. and Pohm parcels. As Rob explained to P.Jenks, in the past the trustees have asked LMC to assist in the development of the lease, work with Norm on the legal notice and to distribute the bid packages. All bids are to be sent to the Township PO Box or delivered in person to the trustee meeting. Rob has been heading this work with Norm. Rob will work on the leases for the two named parcels and forward them for our review before sending them on to Norm. Rob suggested that, like on the last lease, language be included that would make the township responsible for performing soil test samples on all leased properties. The smaller tracks of property will be coming due after the 2011 season.

DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS: Trustee VanNess has suggested the LMC do an annual review of properties of which Development Rights have been procured through the township's Green Space taxed program. P.Jenks indicated he believed this activity would easily gain the whole trustee board support.

OTHER:

Deer Hunting program: Rob reported that Norm Kennedy submitted our recommendation for township properties to be part of the deer hunting program to the Village of Granville. They agreed to take special consideration and care with the Burg Street property next to the Intermediate School. The Quisenberry parcel is actively being hunted and the tenant decided to not include the property in the program.. Hunting rights on other parcels could become a negotiation of future leases.

LMC membership as a "three year term": The trustees have asked for our thoughts regarding making appointments to the LMC be renewable as a 3-year term. While there have been no problems to date with attendance, if it is easier for the trustees to have the LMC uniform with other committees we have no problems with the decision.

Committee goals for 2011: A discussion of potential tasks for next year suggested two major issues:

1. Review budget needs;
2. Develop a system for and base line review of all Development Rights purchased through the Green Space program and then begin annual inspections. This is subject to the approval of the Township Trustees. Rob has agreed to present this idea formally at a trustee meeting.

NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting will be Tuesday, January 11, 2011.

Submitted by: Mickey Smith

