

Township Land Management Committee
Minutes - March 9, 2010

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

Minutes of the January 26, 2010 meeting had been approved by e-mail and forwarded to trustees and Licking Land Trust personnel.

Public Relations: no discussion

Parks & Trails: Rob has talked with Barbara Blatter, Granville Middle School teacher, about offering her students community service hours helping clear Spring Valley Preserve of the invasive garlic mustard plant. Two students have agreed to participate for 10 hours each. Grace will oversee their work.

Grace presented a draft of memorial plantings guidelines for Spring Valley Preserve. Specifics such as tree/bush size and plaque design were discussed. These items will need to be worked out with the Land Trust. The use of guidelines was recommended by Norm Kennedy to ensure no liabilities to the Township. Rob will contact Mary Fitch to confirm the planting plan submitted to us earlier has been approved by the Land Trust. If it is approved by the LLT he will present both the plan and the guidelines to the trustees for their approval. Individuals wanting to establish memorials will be referred to the plan for site and type of planting. LMC would oversee any plantings to assure they adhere to the plan and guidelines.

Weather has delayed walking of the Gordon property to determine trail sites. Rob has conferred with Norm Kennedy about use of the RoseView parcel deeded to the township as Green Space. It was determined that a Spring Valley trail may legally continue through the parcel if needed.

Greg presented a "wish list" of projects for the Preserve. They include:

1. Better marking of trails; entrance points as well as on-trail markings;
2. New trails on the Gordon property;
3. More creek crossings such as the concrete stepping stones ones built earlier;
4. Improving steep approaches to the creek;
5. Building switchbacks at various points on the trails;
6. Clearing and maintenance of a small Indian mound found in the Salt Run area;
7. Clearing of invasive plant species;
8. Updating of the trail map;

Judy will check with the Girl Scout troop leader to see if the girls are still interested in putting bird houses in the Salt Run area.

Agriculture: no discussion

Development Rights: no discussion

Other: A letter of support for the upcoming Green Space Levy was discussed. The letter may be either from the committee as a group or from individual members. Laura will be asked to draft a whole-group letter. A Kick-Off party for the levy will be held April 7 at the Granville Inn.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, April 6, 2010 (Grace's birthday ☺) 7:30 p.m.

Minutes submitted by: Mickey Smith