

GRANVILLE TOWNSHIP LAND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE  
Minutes - April 6, 2010

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

MEETING MINUTES: March minutes were approved by e-mail and forwarded to trustees and Land Trust representatives

PUBLIC RELATIONS: no report

PARKS AND TRAILS:

Granville Boy Scout Troop 65 will have a work morning at Spring Valley April 17, 2010 from 8:30 am -11:00 am. They will clean the grass area of downed branches and other debris.

The committee has been asked by Trustee Abraham to consider what role it might play in the continuing management of Spring Valley Preserve. After thoughtful discussion the group concluded our role is the coordination of volunteer activities within the Preserve and the development and maintenance of Salt Run, the Gordon parcel and certain trails within Spring Valley.

Grace reported two middle school students, Brynn Schaadt and Jessica Piso, are actively involved in pulling the invasive mustard garlic plant found within the Preserve. The girls are using this activity as part of a school sponsored community service.

Trustee Abraham has approved the guidelines for memorial plantings within the Preserve as developed by Grace. The adopted guidelines are attached to these minutes and include the procedures by which individuals may plant memorials within Spring Valley. Design of plaques for the plantings still needs to be resolved.

The issue of security within Spring Valley was discussed. We cannot involve a sheriff's presence there until such time as rules and regulations for the use of the Preserve have been adopted by the trustees and approved by the Licking County Prosecutor. Our proposed rules have been forwarded to Norm Kennedy for his review. Trustee Abraham will have a lock placed on the existing chain across the drive entrance to the shelter house.

Jeremy King of Denison contacted Rob, through Doug Spieles, requesting permission to plant a large tree on the Spring Valley grounds. It was recommended that Mary Fitch be involved with this so they will not be in the way of the potential stream restoration grant. Trustee Abraham gave approval to the project.

Greg will forward the list of proposed projects for Spring Valley Preserve to the local Boy and Girl Scout troops. The list of projects is attached to these minutes.

Judy reported that the Girl Scout proposal for bird houses within the Preserve is on hold.

AGRICULTURE:

The trustees asked that the Land Management committee oversee leasing of township owned farm parcels. Judy brought up the subject of the possibility of language for CAUV in the lease. This will be incorporated with the trustees' approval. Public announcement of the

availability of the Quisenberry parcel will be April 15. Trustees will decide and award the lease at its meeting April 28. Persons desiring to lease the parcel will contact the LMC through its web site or telephoning Rob.

DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS: no report

OTHER: Trustee VanNess asked the LMC to consider its preferences between the two pending Pathway grants. The group expressed a unanimous preference for the SW Pathway. We believe this pathway would have a long-term advantage to the community by opening the Spring Valley Preserve to more users.

Laura is in the process of developing a "Letter to the Editor" regarding the committee's position on the upcoming Green Space levy renewal.

NEXT MEETING: 7:30 pm. May 12, 2010 at the Maple Grove Cemetery Sexton House.

Minutes submitted by Mickey Smith