

GRANVILLE TOWNSHIP LAND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE  
Minutes - June 15, 2010

ATTENDING: Grace Gordon, Laura Mickelson, Greg Dixon, Rob Schaadt, Judy Preston and Mickey Smith      GUEST: Doug Spieles (Licking Land Trust rep.)  
The meeting was called to review issues relevant to the Bathhouse at Spring Valley Preserve.

Rob summarized discussion at the recent meeting of the Granville Trustees regarding the condition of the Bathhouse at Spring Valley Preserve and any possible action regarding that structure. The general belief at that meeting was that the structure was a danger to the public and should be demolished. Consideration is being given to allowing the fire department to use the building for fire-fighting practice. The trustees tabled any action in order to provide time for the public to make their feelings known.

Doug Spieles, of the Licking Land Trust, said that they have mixed feelings about maintaining the building. He told the committee that the language of the easement allows removing and replacing the existing building. He also made it clear that the currently awarded grant for the Spring Valley stream restoration did not include funds for demolishing the bathhouse.

Utilities for the Preserve are housed within the Bathhouse but it was determined that tearing down or burning the bathhouse would not compromise the utilities for the area.

Judy said she had two concerns about destroying the bathhouse by burning:

- 1) the memorial trees adjacent to the building would need to be considered;
- 2) Large pieces of sandstone located alongside the building should be protected from being carried away with any debris.

The committee would offer the Trustees the suggestion that they consider two options regarding the future of the Spring Valley Bathhouse:

- 1) That the current building be made relatively safe by boarding and securing it for a period of four to six months. During that time a committee of concerned citizens would seek to develop a plan of usage for the building and a means of funding any necessary remodeling. If such a plan and/or funding cannot be secured within that period of time, the building would be destroyed.

- 2) That the building be razed in a safe and controlled manner with the hope that the Trustees would be open to replacing it if and when a productive use and funding can be found for a building at that site.

Grace has agreed to develop a statement with our suggestions to be sent to the Trustees in time for their consideration at their next meeting.

Submitted by Mickey Smith

