

GRANVILLE TOWNSHIP LAND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
MINUTES - September 28, 2010

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

GUESTS: none

PUBLIC RELATIONS: Mickey had been contacted by a community member about replenishing the supply of SVP trails maps. Greg saw to that task.

PARKS AND TRAILS: Discussion of deer hunting on township lands as part of the Village Hunting Program resulted in the committee determining hunting should be limited to four pieces of property, the 21.3 acre tract labeled as #11-North Raccoon Creek, the Pohm, Quissenberry and Burg Street parcels. We believe there is no lease on the 21.3 acre parcel so it could be entered into the program without conditions. The Pohm property is currently being hunted under a state "Nuisance permit". It would be prudent to confer with the lessee, Phil Watts, before entering this property into the Village hunting program. We would also recommend including the Quisenberry and Burg street properties only with the permission of Mr. Watts and Mr. Martin. If the decision is to include the Burg St parcel it may be wise to include some restrictions on the areas closest to the school.

Norm asked for our thoughts regarding taking advantage of ODNR funding to expand trail projects within the township. The already prepared plan for linking the bike path to Kendal of Granville along with the Spring Valley Preserve (SW Pathway) was discussed as a logical proposal. The people who were behind that plan should be contacted to see if there is still interest. The trustees should have that contract information.

Grace reported she and Rob had met with Linda Ailes to see about possible sites for planting of a memorial tree at the Spring Valley Preserve. A spot near the area where the dam is to be removed had been the family's first choice. After another meeting with Mary Fitch of the LLT it was determined that this location could be a problem, since the stream restoration work has been delayed. They were given the opportunity to select another site or waiting until construction of the creek area was completed. The family will contact Grace when they decide.

AGRICULTURE: no report

DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS: no report

OTHER: Greg shared a Kiwanis Maple Bush report from Don Lewis. The very thorough report will be forwarded by Rob to the trustees. It clearly indicates the Kiwanis Club of Granville is meeting the conditions of the agreement. The report also

stated that the Club has not received a completed lease agreement for the land. Rob will share that concern with the trustees.

Rob and Greg both reported they have witnessed a regular use of the pavement at Spring Valley by skateboarders. A liability concern was expressed and the committee will recommend that a "no skate boarding" statement be added to the rules for the Preserve.

Fred Abraham had reported to Rob that a permit for burning of the bathhouse has not been received yet. However, in preparation for the burn we have learned that the electricity has been removed from the bathhouse and moved to another structure. Plans have also been made to have water/hose protection for the memorial trees near the bathhouse.

The Ohio Nature Education group has expressed an interest in using the Spring Valley site as their base. Greg has met with the group and became acquainted with their work. He and Ann Ormond will have another meeting with Mrs. Manon Van Schoyck of the organization to learn more about how the Preserve might meet their needs.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting was scheduled for November 16, 2010 at 7:30 pm at Maple Grove Cemetery.