

GRANVILLE TOWNSHIP LAND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE  
Minutes - March 10, 2011

**ATTENDING:**

Dick Kinsley, Grace Gordon, Greg Dixon, Roger Dunifon, Judy Preston and Mickey Smith. **GUESTS:** Rob Schaadt

We welcomed Dick Knisley as a newly appointed member of the Land Management Committee.

**MEETING MINUTES:** Minutes of the February 8, 2011 meeting had been approved by e-mail and forwarded to the Township Trustees and Land Trust representatives.

**PUBLIC RELATIONS:** Judy acknowledged she has been entered as committee chair on the township web site.

**PARKS AND TRAILS:** Greg reported the finish on the sign at the entrance to the Spring Valley Preserve is peeling. Judy will report the condition to Trustee VanNess to determine what group is to be responsible for its repair.

The supply of trail maps for Spring Valley needs to be replenished. Greg will check into the cost of having 100-200 copies reprinted. Grace will investigate the possibility of having a Denison class develop an updated map and check to see if an electronic copy of the current map is available.

The concrete stepping stones installed by Charlie Severson in the creek have suffered from the winter weather and need to be reworked. Greg believes it is still a functional installation and will try to make a better assessment when the weather warms. Greg will continue to keep an eye on all of the creek crossings the rest of this winter.

Greg contacted Eagle Scout candidate Brendan Lowell to check on his progress and found that Brendan has secured funding for his project and is waiting for approval from the Boy Scouts of America supervisor.

Official adoption of the set of rules submitted for use at Spring Valley Preserve is still pending.

Judy reported that permits for the upcoming stream restoration project have been received by Doug Spieles. Doug has said that the Licking Land Trust wants to be available to oversee the work and the township Trustees will assume responsibility for bidding the project.

**AGRICULTURE:** After a discussion with Trustee VanNess regarding the committee's concern about assuming responsibility for developing and judging applications for leasing of township farming land, it was decided that the trustees will continue to assume that responsibility. Judy will see that information is sent to persons seeking to lease the lands.

DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS: Rob reviewed a lease contract with us, explaining various facets of the document and ways in which we might better develop a form by which we will be able to efficiently conduct an oversight of the properties. He recommended that we conduct a review of what is currently on the property and use that as a baseline for noting on-going use of the property. He suggested we develop a check list consisting of current out-buildings, live stock, driveways, wells, fences, and residential structures as a basis for our reviews.

OTHER: Mickey reported a conversation with Don Lewis and Mike Flood. Don and Mike are planning to plant the new trees donated by Facklers for the Kiwanis Maple Bush soon. Don and Mike are asking that the committee meet with them to determine where the trees will be planted. Mickey will contact Don and Mike to let them know that Greg would be willing to meet with them at the Bush.

Judy told us that Trustee VanNess reported the trustees have decided to establish three -year terms of service for the Land Management Committee. Terms of service will be automatically renewed as long as the member is willing to serve. Mickey Smith and Roger Dunifon agreed to complete their terms of service at the end of 2011; Laura Mickelson and Greg Dixon will end service at the end of 2012 and Judy Preston, Grace Gordon and Dick Kinsley will end service the end of 2013.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting was set for Thursday, April 14, 2011 at 7:30 pm.

Submitted by: Mickey Smith