

## GRANVILLE TOWNSHIP LAND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Minutes - April 14, 2011

ATTENDING: Roger Dunifon, Greg Dixon, Judy Preston, Grace Gordon, Richard Kinsley and Mickey Smith. GUESTS: none

MEETING MINUTES: Minutes of the March 10, 2011 meeting had been approved by e-mail and forwarded to the Township Trustees and Land Trust representatives on March 18, 2011.

PUBLIC RELATIONS: no issues

PARKS AND TRAILS: Judy said the GRD provided 20 copies of the current map of SVNP trails. We will continue to use the present version of the map this season. When the new Denison academic year opens we will ask them to help us develop a more detailed map using a specialized mapping computer program. Greg suggested a "You are here" designation be added to the large map currently in the kiosk in order to help clarify orientation of the trails.

Judy is working with Norm Kennedy, Andy Wildman (GRD) and Trustee Paul Jenks regarding the establishment of rules for the public use of the Spring Valley Preserve. She will keep us posted on any progress.

Bids for work on the restoration of the Salt Run stream at SVNP have not been let as of this date. This action may not be ready to be taken until the end of summer. Norm will keep Judy informed.

Greg reported the latest Eagle Scout project (by Brendan Lowell ) has been completed. Five new picnic tables with benches have been built. There are both six and eight foot tables. No bat boxes were installed because of placement issues.

A new sign at the entrance of the preserve has been installed by the Kessler firm.

Greg continues to review the condition of the stream crossings. He reported that even though several of them still need work, they are usable. He has done some work and is keeping a good eye on them.

Judy reported that we have been asked to consider whether or not auto access to the upper shelter house should be developed. The GRD believes such access would encourage rental of the facility. After discussion the committee agreed any renter should be told of limited access to the area with parking possible when weather permits. There should, however, not be an improved driveway to the area.

AGRICULTURE: The trustees have awarded farming leases for the Burg St and Pohm properties. An additional clause requiring that the land be part of the Granville Village deer control program was included.

DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS: Judy developed a set of three maps showing properties which the township has purchased; properties for which the township has purchased conservation easements and a third map combining the two. She will work with Bill

Wernet (open space committee) to create a layered map showing all the properties.

Judy distributed copies of the conservation easement documents for us to review. A check-list to be used as a property inspection and monitoring report guideline has been developed and we will use the form to build a baseline study for each property. Each of us agreed to assume responsibility for a particular property.

Laura has written a letter draft to be sent to property owners informing them of our approaching visit and the purpose of that visit. A time line for the completion of these initial inspections has not been set.

OTHER: Grace reported attending a Green Society meeting discussing the gas industry practice of hydraulic fracturing in their search for natural gas. Grace wants us to be aware/informed of the impact of this practice within Granville Township Green Space lands.

The Granville Recreation District board has put on hold discussion of their role in the management of Spring Valley Preserve but expects to resume shortly.

Bob Warner expressed a concern of erosion at the Granville Intermediate School. He believes the problem involves township owned land. Judy presented the question to the trustees and Trustee VanNess is aware of broken tiles at the area and is handling the matter.

The Kiwanis Club of Granville has replaced some of the maple trees that have not survived the original planting at the Sugar Bush.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting was set for Thursday, June 16, 2011

Submitted by Mickey Smith