

GRANVILLE TOWNSHIP LAND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
Minutes - June 16, 2011

ATTENDING: Judy Preston, Grace Gordon, Laura Mickelson, Roger Dunifon, Dick Kinsley , and Mickey Smith. GUESTS: none

MEETING MINUTES: April 14, 2011 meeting minutes were approved by e-mail and submitted to trustees and Land Trust representatives.
Craig McDonald has been appointed to the Licking Land Trust board and has asked to have minutes of our meetings forwarded to him.

PUBLIC RELATIONS: no issues discussed

PARKS AND TRAILS:

Judy said no decisive action has been taken on the publication of rules for use of SVNP.

Laura will check with Greg to see if a thank you letter has been sent to the Boy Scouts for their latest work at SVNP.

Judy reported there has been little progress in the effort to develop new maps for SVNP. She did meet with Bill Wernet about it. They discussed developing a map of the whole township using multiple layers to identify various aspects of the area. She learned the computer software used by Denison in making the current map was free and available on the internet. Grace will investigate the issue more and help us decide whether or not we could make use of the software to develop our own map file for the Preserve.

Grace has e-mailed the Granville middle / intermediate science teachers that students should not be encouraged to use SV as a place to pick wildflowers for their school project. She also told us that a student did an excellent job working five hours at Spring Valley as part of a service project to help control growth of garlic mustard in the area.

Greg asked Laura to inform the committee that we need an additional supply of maps for the kiosk at SVNP. He also wanted us to know that the demolished bathhouse area has not been cleared and presents an "ugly and possibly dangerous" situation. Judy will discuss the issue with trustee VanNess.

AGRICULTURE: no issues discussed

DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS: Judy told us that a letter intended to notify township Conservation Easement land owners of impending visits by members of the Land Management Committee had been mailed by the trustees. Committee members are currently working on developing a base-line reading of all CE contracts with the goal of beginning their monitoring of these properties by the end of the year.

OTHER: Bart Beckman was found to have fenced in part of township owned land at Towpath and River Roads. He was told to remove the fence within 60 days. The trustees learned that he would like to plant some ornamental trees in the area and may be coming to our committee to discuss a planting plan.

“Tom Evans informally approached Grace about a future project at Spring Valley Nature Preserve. She suggested he put together a proposal for our review.”

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting was set for Thursday, August 4, 2011.