

GRANVILLE TOWNSHIP LAND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
AUGUST 11, 2011

Attending: Judy Preston, Greg Dixon, Roger Dunifon, Grace Gordon, Dick Kinsley, and Laura Mickelson

The meeting minutes of June 16, 2011 were approved by email and submitted to Trustees and Land Trust representatives.

Grace Gordon was contacted by Licking Land Trust Member, Craig McDonald regarding the port-o-john. Craig reported that the port-o-johns at SVNVP have been tipped over. He wanted to see what the committee thought of a 3-way wall for the port-o-johns be built to deter vandals and to make it more aesthetically pleasing for the visitor. Roger will contact the Scout Masters to see if scouts would be interested in part of this project or others. The question of who is responsible for the clean-up of SVNVP after a function or event also was raised. Greg will check with Lesa Miller on this one.

Judy Preston reported on the low head dam project and shared the planting plan developed by the LLT. The wall and dam are to be removed this fall.

While the rock pile from the bathhouse foundation has been removed, the foundation is still visible. Judy reported that the Township will use dirt from Kendal to cover the remaining, visible foundation. It was happily reported that the memorial trees are still intact.

The YES group (of kids from Newark) recently volunteered at SVNVP and performed some trail maintenance and general clean-up and then reportedly had a good time walking the trails and enjoying nature.

Greg Dixon reported that there are no more maps. We all agreed that the map needs to be updated with new trails and updated trail names. Coordinating the GPS map with the current map has proven difficult. Grace will contact Olivia Aguilar about a possible Denison University student project.

Judy will put together a list of tools for the maintenance of SVNVP and submit it to the Trustees. Suggested tools are as follows: loppers (4), picks (2), rakes (2), pruners (6), shovels (4), folding saw (3), insurance for folding saws (group rate), goggles (12), gloves (24).

Greg talked to Charlie Severson's mother about the molds that Charlie used to build the stream crossings for his scout project. It was also suggested that we check out "stepping stone forms" at a garden supply store.

Mr. Beckman submitted a planting plan to the committee. Mr. Beckman owns land adjacent to township land off of River Rd., south of Rte 16. He wishes to plant Norwegian Spruce trees on

township property as a means of stopping the deer and blocking the sound of traffic from Rte. 16. Committee members felt that this would be acceptable as long as Mr. Beckman understands that this property, including any trees/shrubs/etc. that he plants, is owned by the Township. The conservation easement checklists have been updated by committee members. Grace will organize the binders. Committee members are to email her the typed version of the checklists for Grace to include in the binders. In September or October the committee plans to walk the Adrian and Donna Smith property at 3270 Lancaster Rd. This will serve as a basis for future easement visits. A date for this visit will be discussed at the next meeting.

Next meeting: Tuesday, September 20 at 7:30.