

GRANVILLE TOWNSHIP LAND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE  
Minutes - February 29, 2012 meeting

ATTENDING: Greg Dixon, Richard Knisley, Judy Preston, Grace Gordon and Mickey Smith

GUESTS: Trustee Dan VanNess

MEETING MINUTES: Minutes of the December 14, 2011 meeting have been approved by e-mail and forwarded to the Township Trustees and Licking Land Trust representatives.

PUBLIC RELATIONS: no issues discussed

PARKS AND TRAILS: Judy reported having met with Travis at the Kiwanis Maple Bush to discuss providing a graveled parking area at the site. Travis said he would develop plans for the project and submit it to the trustees. Trustee VanNess told us the plan has been approved.

We learned that Mrs. Tachco, a resident neighboring a Green Space property, was concerned about the placing of a Green Space identification marker sign very near her driveway. She worried that the public may use her property as access to the Green Space piece. The trustees had the sign and post removed. We discussed the access issue, and though we strongly support the use of the identification signs, we believe a clearer distinction needs to be made on them, identifying which parcels are privately owned and therefore, not accessible to the public.

Grace reported that Doug Spiels of Denison is teaching a GIS class and will be using the Spring Valley trails as a subject for the class. The project will be saved as a PDF file, allowing us to use it as a mapping model for the Preserve. Grace and Greg will work with Dr. Spiels to identify the points needed to map the trails.

In the meantime, Greg asked to have more of the current maps put in the park kiosk.

We learned that the scout working on fencing for the port-a-john has not begun the project because he still needs to secure adequate funding.

AGRICULTURE: The field at the corner of James Road and Route 37 has been put out to bid for a three year lease. The current high bidder is the Martins farm.

The current leaser of the Wood property has expressed an interest in continuing their lease of that parcel.

DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS: Owners of the Row Farm had signed an agreement with the Flint Ridge Company for an easement allowing a gas transmission line to go thru the property. This is in violation of the CE held by the Township. The trustees have asked the county prosecutor to send a letter to the Flint Ridge Company and the Row family reminding them that the easement owned by the township prohibits gas lines being set

on the property.

The committee has walked an initial review of one of the CE easement sites, the Smith piece. March 11 and March 18, 2012 have been designated as possible days for us to continue our survey of at least one of the remaining thirteen sites. Judy will telephone the property owners to see which of those dates would be convenient for them.

OTHER: It has been determined that the Rotary bridge being considered at the Racoon creek area cannot be built without armoring. The Licking Land Trust may be interested in bartering the armoring issue in exchange for other considerations.

Trustee VanNess said that Judy's response to an out-of-state inquirer regarding oil drilling in Granville Township was accurate. That is, it is not an issue under local township control but is rather one of the state Department of Natural Resources granting permits for drilling. Judy will respond in this manner to the inquirer, avoiding any comment on the practice of fracking.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting was set for Wednesday, April 11, 2012 at 7:30 p.m. In the Sexton House of Maple Grove Cemetery.

Submitted by Mickey Smith