

GRANVILLE TOWNSHIP LAND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
Minutes – Wednesday February 18, 2015

ATTENDING: Judy Preston, Greg Dixon, Dick Kinsley, Andy McCall, Mickey Smith, Lynn Connelly and Craig Connelly

GUESTS: Trustee Melanie Schott

PRIOR MEETING MINUTES: July 16, 2014 minutes were recorded by Judy Preston approved by email and forwarded to trustees and Land Trust representatives by Judy Preston.

PARKS AND TRAILS:

Ash Borer update – on 2/4/15 Greg, Judy and Lisa Bower (ODNR forester) walked Spring Valley and marked possible Ash trees with pink dots. These will be checked again when they leaf out for positive identification. There did not appear to be any near the shelter houses however there were two possibles near the platform tennis structure. Also additional non Ash trees were noted that should be removed in the spring. We will work with Travis on this when the weather is better.

Andy's Experiment – Andy McCall (Denison professor) asked to do a long term experiment with Spice Bushes. He wants to tag several (20 to 30) and record their progress and how it is effected by insects and other environmental factors. The tags are small metal rings near the ground. He wants to follow them for a period of several years. The committee was unanimously in favor of this and he promised to share what he learns.

Trail Signs – Greg reported there are 5 or so that need to be replaced. He will get an accurate count and coordinate with the GRD to purchase and install them in the spring.

Trail Maintenance – volunteer group. Previously we had talked about keeping a list of people who would like to help with trail maintenance at Spring Valley. It was decided to see if the GRD would post something on their website and keep the list for us. We would like to have a couple of community maintenance days each year.

Deer Stands – Greg reported there were two deer stands along the creek in the Salt Run area which we think are on park property. He will ask Travis to help determine where the property lines are. If they are on park property they will have to be removed.

AGRICULTURE:

Sugar Bush report – Don Lewis was not able to get us the report before our meeting, due to our delay in asking. However he will send it to Greg who will forward it via email to all members.

DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS:

CE inspections groupings and scheduling – The properties were again grouped and assigned. Group 1 will be inspected by Greg Dixon and Judy Preston, Group 2 will be inspected by Mickey Smith, Lynn Connelly and Craig Connelly, Group 3 will be inspected by Andy McCall and Greg Dixon, Group 4 will be inspected by Judy Preston and Dick Kinsley and Group 5 will be inspected by all available members. It was noted that since last year we became aware of a per-exsiting pipeline easement on the Row and Bruce properties.

Group 1 – Linda & James White, Homestead Farm, Joseph & Therese White, Wolfe (T4, T5, T6, &T39),
Group 2 – Row Farms, Frances Robb & Lucinda Smith, Bruce Farms, Wayde Gutridge & Dixon (T1, T2, T3, T7

& T8)

Group 3 – Tataranowicz, Granville Township (T32 & T33)

Group 4 – Smith & Forni (T20 & T21)

Group 5 – Golf course (T38)

OTHER:

Update from Trustee's – Trustee Schott told us the trustees expect to open bids for the lease of the farmland at James Rd & rt 37. With CAUV values going up they are concerned that the leasing amount will not be enough to cover taxes. When asked our group felt selling that parcel made sense. She shared some of the recent maintenance issue with the house at Spring Valley. We felt that as long as the house was rented and not costing more than it brought in we would not like to see it sold, however it was suggested that perhaps there was a group of some kind that could make use of the house and would have fewer issues. We have concerns about the location of the house relative to the park and losing control over it. She also shared that as of July the Gun Club would no longer be using McPeck lodge. They have somewhere else to go and use of the facility for other functions has risen. She then updated us on other township issues including the new trash collector, the potential PUD developments and the possible relocation of the fire station.

NEXT MEETING: No date was set but we will schedule a meeting after all the land inspections have been completed.