

Granville Township
Minutes of Regular Meeting March 13, 2013

Present: Trustees Bill Mason, Paul Jenks, and Dan VanNess, Fiscal Officer Jerry Miller, and Betsey Hampton, Recording Secretary

Guests: Brian Miller, Granville Sentinel

Doug Wagner, Chair, Granville Township Open Space Committee

Leonard Hubert, Granville Township Open Space Committee

Bill Wernet, Granville Township Open Space Committee

Jackie O'Keefe, Granville Township Open Space Committee

Vince Paumier, Granville Township Zoning Commission

Trustee Jenks called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes:

On a motion by Trustee Mason and a second by Trustee VanNess, by an affirmative vote the minutes of the February 27, 2013, meeting was approved as previously submitted and revised.

Public Comment:

The public comment period occurred later in the agenda.

Correspondence:

ODNR Outdoor Recreation Plan:

Fiscal Officer Miller reported he received a notice from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) requesting input from local officials regarding their comprehensive outdoor recreation plan. ODNR requested input to determine their recreational strategies and priorities for the year. Fiscal Officer Miller finished by stating the State uses this information to apply for Federal funds. Trustee Jenks commented he forwarded the notice to Director Wildman with the Granville Recreation District. Director Wildman is going to respond and plans to attend the meeting.

Farmer's Share Breakfast:

Fiscal Officer Miller reported he received an invitation from the Licking County Soil and Water Conservation District. They and the Licking County Farm Bureau will host a Farmers' Share Breakfast from 8 am to 10:30 a.m., Saturday, March 16, 2013 at Newton Elementary School. The cost of the breakfast is \$1.00 plus at least one non-perishable food item to be donated to the Licking County Food Pantry. The \$1.00-cost of the breakfast represents the amount a typical farmer receives for producing the food.

Union Cemetery Joint Meeting:

Fiscal Officer Miller reported he received notice from Molly Prasher concerning the Union Cemetery Joint Meeting. The meeting is targeted for 7:30 p.m. on May 1, 2013. Trustee Mason questioned if all Trustees attended would it constitute an official

Township meeting? Trustee Jenks commented the joint meeting is when the Trustees will appoint a representative to the Union Cemetery Board and when the Union Cemetery Board's budget will be discussed. Trustee Jenks reported the Trustees are aware of the Township's policy and resolution to maintain the Old Colony Cemetery, but provide no guarantees for money for headstones, etc. The Union Cemetery Committee will need to ask for any additional money needed. Trustee Jenks indicated the Village of Granville has not funded anything for the Old Colony Cemetery this year. The joint meeting will provide the opportunity to discuss the situation with Village Council and the Union Cemetery Committee. Trustee Jenks noted there still is money in the Old Colony Fund.

Trustee VanNess noted Trustee Jenks has been the Township's representative and questioned whether he was still willing to serve as representative. Trustee Jenks affirmed he was still willing to serve as the Township's representative. The meeting will be at 7:30 p.m., May 1, 2013, in Village Council Chambers. Trustee Jenks indicated this yearly meeting is required by law. Trustee Jenks advised Fiscal Officer Miller he will need to publish notice of the meeting for the Township. The Village will publish their own notice.

MS-4:

Trustee VanNess reported he received all the required MS-4 material for Dan Blatter at the Licking County Engineer's Office. Trustee VanNess requested Fiscal Officer Miller to put the illicit discharge form on the Granville Township Website so the Township will be in compliance with the requirement.

Recycling:

Trustee VanNess reported he received a question from Paul Treece concerning what types of recyclable materials Big O can take. Trustee Jenks stated he does not have a complete list but Mr. Treece may call Big O for a list of what is acceptable. Trustee VanNess questioned whether the list of recyclable materials accepted could be added to the Township's website. Fiscal Officer Miller will see if he can put a link on the Township's website to the Big O website in case there are any changes or updates. Trustee Jenks suggested Fiscal Officer Miller contact John Peckskamp to obtain the information.

Granville Township History:

Trustee VanNess reported he received a three to four page history of Granville Township written by Kevin Bennett. Trustee VanNess presented a copy of the history to the Trustees to review. Trustee VanNess commented Mr. Bennett did a good job writing the history. The history was requested by Jerry Newton, Licking County Planning Commission.

Low Head Dam:

Trustee VanNess reported he spoke to David Goss concerning the dam on his property. Mr. Goss indicated he has submitted his permit application to the Ohio Department of

Natural Resources (ODNR). As soon as ODNR approves Mr. Goss' action plan he will forward a copy to the Township.

Licking County Planning Department:

Trustee Mason questioned whether the Township was on top of the Licking County Planning Department issue. Trustee VanNess indicated he reported on it during the last Township meeting. The issue currently concerns a change to align the County requirements with the State requirements for new subdivisions having frontage which abuts state highways. Trustee VanNess reported he has been attending the meetings each month. Anyone may attend the meetings. The meetings take place at 6:00 p.m., one hour before the Licking County Planning Commission meeting.

Trustee Mason questioned whether there was anything which needed to be done with the packet which was sent to the Township. Trustee VanNess responded there is nothing which needs done right now, but requested the Trustees look through the packet and see if they have any questions. Trustee VanNess reported he reviewed the packet and did not see anything out of line.

Trustee Mason questioned whether the other Trustees received a copy of the census fact sheet and each had.

Trustee Jenks reported he did not receive any correspondence.

Elected Officials Reports:

Financial Matters:

Fiscal Officer Miller:

FEMA:

Fiscal Officer Miller reported he received two checks from FEMA for last summer's weather emergency. The first check was for \$6,248 from the State of Ohio and was their 12 1/2% match. The second check was from the federal government and was for \$37,490. This was reimbursement for 75% of the storm damage clean-up costs. The total collected was \$43,738. Fiscal Officer Miller commented there was a great deal of time, effort, and manpower spent on the Township and federal levels to collect the reimbursement. There were people put up in hotels, office space rented, etc. Fiscal Officer Miller stated he is not sure the reimbursement is worth the amount of money spent to secure it. Fiscal Officer Miller opined this was not government money well spent.

Ohio Police and Fire Department Retirement System:

Fiscal Officer Miller reported he needed a resolution concerning the Ohio Police and Fire Department Retirement System. The resolution concerns a pick up plan for the employees concerning their retirement plans. The resolution concerned dates when the employees will begin paying more money for their retirement plans. Fiscal Officer Miller provided a copy of the proposed resolution to the Trustees to review. Chief

Hussey commented the Granville Township Fire Department employees do not have a pension pick up. Chief Hussey reported Granville Township does not pay a portion of the Township Fire Department employees' pensions. After further discussion, it was decided to have Chief Hussey and Fiscal Officer Miller review the resolution before the Trustees vote. The issue was tabled until the next Trustee meeting.

Amended Certificate and Revised Revenue and Appropriation Amounts:

Fiscal Officer Miller reported there was one \$600 appropriation transfer from a carryover account for purchase of software for the firehouse.

Trustee Jenks made a motion to approve the appropriation transfer, Trustee VanNess seconded the motion and it was approved by a unanimous vote after no further discussion.

Fiscal Officer Miller requested approval for the warrants, withholding vouchers, debit memos, and EFT's which were issued.

On a motion by Trustee VanNess and a second by Trustee Mason, by a unanimous vote the following warrants, withholding vouchers, debit memos, EFT's, and if applicable, then and now purchase order certificates were approved for payment and processing:

			E241	Bain	246.92
E242	Binckley	1828.62	E243	Borden	480.87
E244	Boudinot	1037.66	E245	Bowman	1619.54
E246	Bryan	1262.37	E247	Butt	948.52
E248	Clemens	1443.64	E249	Coyle	269.68
E250	Curtis	1844.47	E251	DeSimone	372.84
E252	DuBeck	343.72	E253	Duncan	352.59
E254	Essick	213.32	E255	Gottfried	287.36
E256	Hall	1576.94	E257	Hampton	155.21
E258	Harrison	480.12	E259	Henry	608.34
E260	Hill	1378.85	E261	Hussey	2568.33
E262	Jenks	1077.32	E263	Jones, A	135.01
E264	Jones, B	587.11	E265	Kindell	155.15
E266	Leckrone	279.56	E267	Lynn	368.83
E268	Martell	402.79	E269	Mason	941.87
E270	May	805.81	E271	Meisenhelder	596.31
E272	Melick	499.15	E273	Miller	1506.32
E274	Monroe	1540.16	E275	Poe	284.81
E276	Poole	387.25	E277	Reece	1242.38
N/A	Riley	0.00	E278	Saunders	372.84
E279	Smith, D	368.03	E280	Smith, S	523.51
E281	Thompson	1526.24	E282	Tracy	128.08
E283	VanNess	1042.51	E284	Watling	284.13
9129	Ace Truck	156.70	9130	ACS Firehouse	1035.00
9131	Applied Ind'l	243.40	9132	Ashcraft Machine	215.81

9133	Cintas	503.04	9134	Dish Network	54.31
9135	Elan/PNB	1030.56	9136	Granville Lumber	60.29
9137	KE-WA-PA	334.64	9138	Kokosing	31.00
9139	KPS/NAPA	872.13	9140	Lawson Products	426.21
9141	MT Business	40.14	9142	Muskingum Tractor	243.11
9143	Ross' Market	31.15	9144	SE Equipment	509.07
9145	Verizon	160.20	9146	V Catalogna	662.00
9147	Wince Welding	49.14	9148	Certified	3621.70
9149	CVS	19.26	9150	PMMG	2115.86
WV286	IRS	6855.01	WV287	Deferred Comp	1560.00
WV288	OCS-Knox Co	1088.91			

I hereby certify the funds were on hand or in process of collection and properly appropriated for payment of the aforementioned warrants.

Jerry A. Miller, Fiscal Officer

Trustee VanNess:

Trustee VanNess stated everything else he has to report is covered elsewhere on the agenda.

Trustee Mason:

Trustee Mason stated everything else he has to report is covered elsewhere on the agenda.

Trustee Jenks:

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Roads District:

Budget:

Fiscal Officer Miller reported the cemetery and Roads District budgets will be presented this evening. Fiscal Officer Miller and Superintendent Travis Binckley met with each Trustee separately to review each of these budgets. There was a question whether the Roads District budget may be approved in the general session of the Township Board, or whether a special meeting must be held. The question was forwarded to the Prosecutor's Office for response.

The Roads District was created a year ago. The Roads District Board is the same as the Township Trustee Board. Trustee Jenks explained there was a need for a Roads District as by law the Township cannot collect taxes in some places and not others. The issue concerned road taxes not being collected from the entire Township. The incorporated portion of the Township (the Village) was not paying the Road and Bridge Levy nor receiving its benefit. The fix was to create a Roads District which is made up of only the unincorporated portion of the Township. The question is whether a special meeting of the Roads District needs to be called to approve the Roads District budget. Trustee

VanNess questioned whether the Township will hear back from Assistant Prosecuting Attorney (APA) Lecklider in time to approve the budget by the deadline. Trustee Jenks reported he spoke to APA Lecklider today and he will provide a timely answer.

Fiscal Officer Miller stated if a special meeting is required it will be advertised in the next Granville Sentinel. Fiscal Officer Miller reported Superintendent Binckley prepared a sheet with the highlights of the 2013 Roads District Budget.

Superintendent Binckley thanked the Trustees for the time spent reviewing and discussing the proposed budget. Superintendent Binckley presented a sheet with the 2013 proposed budget highlights to the Trustees. Looking at the 5 year forecast, payroll costs were projected using a 3% rate of inflation and for employee benefits costs were projected using a 10% rate of inflation.

Granville Township Roads District

2013 Budget Planning Highlights

1. Customary inflation factor of 3%
2. Payroll inflation factor of 3%
3. Benefit inflation factor of 10%
4. Equipment Expenditures:
 - a. Replacement of 1980 W.E. Grace street broom - \$9,500
 - b. Purchase a used bucket truck - \$40,000
 - c. Purchase computer software (auto Cad/G.I.S.) - \$7,000
5. Garage Site Improvements:
 - a. Installment of floor drains within the Twp. Garage - \$25,000.00
 - b. Paving of drive and parking area around shop - \$36,000.00 (included w/paving program)
6. Road Projects:
 - a. Paving - 2.3 miles of roads (River Rd., Portion of James Rd, Old James Rd., Burtridge, Spring Valley Dr. and Sunset Dr. – Estimate - \$224,000.00
 - b. Patch portion of Battee Rd. (1100' possibility of getting help from McKean Twp)
 - c. Begin replacing street name signs to meet retroreflectivity requirements
 - d. Stripe approx. 10 miles of roads – North side of the Township

Superintendent Binckley noted a revised increase in the cost of the street sign replacement budget, as he had just received updated cost estimates. Trustee VanNess questioned when the Trustees needed to make a decision concerning the sign colors. Trustee Jenks responded the price is the same for all four color choices, but the colors must be chosen before the Township begins ordering signs.

Superintendent Binckley reported in the past road striping had been outsourced, however he is re-examining the cost difference between having the striping outsourced or completing it in house. He has not yet received any estimates on paint, etc.

Trustee Jenks advised Jackie O'Keefe the Village of Granville manages a very small portion of River Rd. The Township is proposing to pave the Village's portion of River Rd. and request reimbursement from the Village. Ms. O'Keefe commented she is aware of the mowing, plowing, etc. agreement between the Township and the Village. Trustee Jenks reported there is a map with details of the agreement and it is working very well.

Trustee Jenks reported the Trustees have met with Fiscal Officer Miller and Superintendent Binckley and gone over the budget line by line. Trustee Jenks questioned whether the Trustees had any other questions concerning the budget. Trustee VanNess advised his only question concerned the termination dates of the levies. Trustee VanNess suggested the levy dates be determined before the next Trustee meeting to see how the dates will be figured into the five year plan.

Superintendent's Report:

Salt Usage:

Superintendent Binckley reported the Township took delivery of 215 tons of salt. This fulfills 120% of the Township's contract. The salt usage for this year matched most typical winters. The Township has used just under 500 tons of salt this year. Superintendent Binckley reported he filed Granville Township's annual brine report with the Ohio Division of Natural Resources.

Tree Trimming:

Superintendent Binckley reported the Department continues to trim trees along River Rd. as weather permits in preparation for paving. This has been a challenge due to the weather.

Road Maintenance:

Superintendent Binckley reported the Department has been patching pot holes.

Superintendent Binckley reported the road crews have started repairing the berm in places where snow plow damage occurred. This is still a work in progress.

Superintendent Binckley discussed the 2013 paving program and provided a hand out with paving details such as the roads, tonnage, etc.

2013 Granville Township Resurfacing Estimates:

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River Rd. (from SR 16 to Village Corp. Limits)

Asphalt 1.75" Overlay Length = 5250 Width = 21 Sq. Ft. = 110,250

Quantity	Units	Description	Unit Price	Total Price
1,251	Tons	404 Asphalt	\$75.00	\$93,825.00
643	Gallons	Tack Coat	\$2.50	\$1,607.50
1.56	Days	Maintaining Traffic	\$1,500.00	\$2,340.00
1	Miles	Yellow Center Lines	\$1,400.00	\$1,400.00
2	Miles	White Edge Lines	\$850.00	\$1,700.00
1	Lump	Mobalization	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
				\$105,872.50

River Rd. (from Village Corp. Limits to the City of Newark Line)

Asphalt 1.75" Overlay Length = 566 Width = 21 Sq. Ft. = 11,886

Quantity	Units	Description	Unit Price	Total Price
135	Tons	404 Asphalt	\$75.00	\$10,125.00
69	Gallons	Tack Coat	\$2.50	\$172.50
0.17	Days	Maintaining Traffic	\$1,500.00	\$255.00
0.107	Miles	Yellow Center Lines	\$1,400.00	\$149.80
0.214	Miles	White Edge Lines	\$850.00	\$181.90
				\$10,884.20

James Rd. (from edge of new Asphalt to SR 37)

Asphalt 1.75" Overlay Length = 900 Width = 21 Sq. Ft. = 18,900

Quantity	Units	Description	Unit Price	Total Price
214	Tons	404 Asphalt	\$75.00	\$16,050.00
110	Gallons	Tack Coat	\$2.50	\$275.00
0.2	Days	Maintaining Traffic	\$1,500.00	\$345.00
0.17	Miles	Yellow Center Lines	\$1,400.00	\$238.00
0.34	Miles	White Edge Lines	\$850.00	\$289.00
				\$17,197.00

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Old James Rd. (from James Rd. to the end)

Asphalt 1.5" Overlay Length = 760 Width = 19 Sq. Ft. = 14,440

Quantity	Units	Description	Unit Price	Total Price
140	Tons	404 Asphalt	\$75.00	\$10,500.00
84	Gallons	Tack Coat	\$2.50	\$210.00
0.2	Days	Maintaining Traffic	\$1,500.00	\$345.00
				\$11,055.00

Burtridge Rd. (from Granview Rd. North to end)

Asphalt 1.5" Overlay Length = 1,490 Width = 15 Sq. Ft. = 22,350

Quantity	Units	Description	Unit Price	Total Price
217	Tons	404 Asphalt	\$75.00	\$16,275.00
130	Gallons	Tack Coat	\$2.50	\$325.00
0.32	Days	Maintaining Traffic	\$1,500.00	\$480.00
				\$17,080.00

Spring Valley Dr. (from Burtridge to end)

Asphalt 1.5" Overlay Length = 1,932 Width = 16 Sq. Ft. = 30,912

Quantity	Units	Description	Unit Price	Total Price
301	Tons	404 Asphalt	\$75.00	\$22,575.00
180	Gallons	Tack Coat	\$2.50	\$450.00
0.44	Days	Maintaining Traffic	\$1,500.00	\$660.00
				\$23,685.00

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Sunset Dr. (from SR 16 to end)

Asphalt 1.5" Overlay Length = 1,088 Width = 16 Sq. Ft. = 17,408

Quantity	Units	Description	Unit Price	Total Price
169	Tons	404 Asphalt	\$75.00	\$12,675.00
102	Gallons	Tack Coat	\$2.50	\$255.00
0.25	Days	Maintaining Traffic	\$1,500.00	\$375.00
				\$13,305.00

North Side of Building

Asphalt 3" Overlay Length = 157 Width = 62 Sq. Ft. = 9,734

Quantity	Units	Description	Unit Price	Total Price
63	Tons	404 Asphalt	\$75.00	\$4,725.00
126	Tons	402 Asphalt	\$68.00	\$8,568.00
54	Gallons	Tack Coat	\$2.50	\$135.00
0.24	Days	Maintaining Traffic	\$1,500.00	\$360.00
				\$13,788.00

East Side of Building

Asphalt 3" Overlay Length = 226 Width = 17 Sq. Ft. = 3,842

Quantity	Units	Description	Unit Price	Total Price
25	Tons	404 Asphalt	\$75.00	\$1,875.00
49	Tons	402 Asphalt	\$68.00	\$3,332.00
22	Gallons	Tack Coat	\$2.50	\$55.00
0.093	Days	Maintaining Traffic	\$1,500.00	\$139.50
				\$5,401.50

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South Side of Building

Asphalt 3" Overlay Length = 116 Width = 28 Sq. Ft. = 3,248
 Length = 65 Width = 3 Sq. Ft. = 195
 Total Sq. Ft. = 3443

Quantity	Units	Description	Unit Price	Total Price
22	Tons	404 Asphalt	\$75.00	\$1,650.00
45	Tons	402 Asphalt	\$68.00	\$3,060.00
20	Gallons	Tack Coat	\$2.50	\$50.00
0.084	Days	Maintaining Traffic	\$1,500.00	\$126.00
				\$4,886.00

West Side of Building

Asphalt 3" Overlay Length = 235 Width = 36 Sq. Ft. = 8,460

Quantity	Units	Description	Unit Price	Total Price
55	Tons	404 Asphalt	\$75.00	\$4,125.00
109	Tons	402 Asphalt	\$68.00	\$7,412.00
49	Gallons	Tack Coat	\$2.50	\$122.50
0.205	Days	Maintaining Traffic	\$1,500.00	\$307.50
				\$11,967.00

Summary:

Description	Quantity	Units	Unit Price	Total
Type 404 Asphalt	2,592	Tons	\$75.00	\$194,400.00
Type 402 Asphalt	329	Tons	\$68.00	\$22,372.00
Tack Coat	1,463	Gallons	\$2.50	\$3,657.50
Maintaining Traffic	3.82	Days	\$1,500.00	\$5,733.00
Yellow Paint	1.28	Miles	\$1,400.00	\$1,787.80
White Paint	2.55	Miles	\$850.00	\$2,170.90
Mobilization	Lump	Lump		\$5,000.00

Total Estimate for 2013 Paving	\$235,121.20
Granville Village Portion	(\$11,139.20)
Township Portion	\$223,982.00

Superintendent Binckley reported an estimate from the Licking County Engineer's Office must be obtained before a project may be sent out to bid. The Engineer's Office has a new system and requires a form be completed to obtain an engineer's estimate. Superintendent Binckley requested permission to obtain an engineers estimate. Superintendent Binckley presented the estimate request form which requires two Trustees' signatures.

Trustee Mason made a motion to approve Superintendent Binckley's request to proceed with obtaining an estimate from the Engineer's Office. Trustee VanNess seconded the motion and with no further discussion the motion was passed by a unanimous vote.

Morse Rd:

Superintendent Binckley reported there will be an informational meeting with the County Engineer about Morse Rd. on March 20, 2013, at 10:00 a.m., in the Licking County Engineer's office. Trustee Jenks reported the County wants to hand over Morse Rd to Townships for maintenance, mowing, paving, etc. The County picked up 24 miles of Rt. 161 to maintain and is looking for roads which qualify for Township maintenance. Representatives from Granville Township, St. Albans Township, and Jersey Township will be present at the meeting. Trustee Jenks reported the Township talked to the Engineer's Office about alternatives and they seem to be open to discussing alternatives. Superintendent Binckley reported Jersey Township has the biggest portion of Morse Rd.

Roseview Addition:

Superintendent Binckley reported an effort was made to locate the pins for the boundary between Roseview Subdivision and Spring Valley Park. A few pins were located and they are waiting for the weather to improve to locate more property pins. This is still a work in progress. Trustee VanNess reported Judy Preston would like to see the pins when they are located. Superintendent Binckley will mark the pins with posts used for snow fences.

Purchase Request:

Superintendent Binckley presented a purchase request for a street broom attachment for the front one of the trucks. He has received a quote from Ace Equipment for \$9,452. The purchase is under state bid program. The street broom is often used this time of year to clean the roads. Superintendent Binckley also requested permission to put the 1980 W.E. Grace street broom on GovDeals.com.

Trustee Mason made a motion to purchase the street broom attachment from Ace Equipment for \$9,452 and to place the 1980 W.E. Grace street broom on GovDeals.com. Trustee VanNess seconded the motion and with no further discussion it was approved by a unanimous vote.

Tyler Appreciation letter:

Superintendent Binckley reported that Tyler Bryan, the Township Equipment Operator was in charge of the Roads Department when Superintendent Binckley was out of the

office and did a great job. Superintendent Binckley drafted and presented an appreciation letter for the Trustees to sign and send to Mr. Bryan.

Cemetery Department:

Budget:

Superintendent Binckley presented a sheet with the 2013 proposed cemetery budget highlights to the Trustees and indicated costs were again determined using a 3% rate of inflation for payroll and costs and a 10% rate of inflation was used for benefits.

Granville Township Cemetery Department

2013 Budget Planning Highlights

1. Customary inflation factor of 3%
2. Payroll inflation factor of 3%
3. Benefit inflation factor of 10%
4. Expenditures:
 - a. Addition of water lines and hydrants throughout sections 17-19
 - b. Replacement of one of the Zero turn mowers - \$8,011.24 (\$1,800.00 trade in value)
Total \$6211.24
 - c. Site improvements – Chip and seal roads throughout the cemetery – Working with Madison Twp. to help with this project. It was originally planned to be done in 2012

Superintendent Binckley reported biggest expenditures will be adding water lines in sections 17, 18, and 19, and the purchase of a zero turn mower. A mower has been replaced each of the last two years. This will complete mower replacements.

Superintendent Binckley reported the Maple Grove Cemetery roads will be chip and sealed. Chip and seal was scheduled and budgeted for last year but was put on hold due to work which needed done after the June storm. Trustee VanNess asked what the life expectancy would be for the chip and seal? Superintendent Binckley replied it should last 15 years as the Cemetery is a low traffic area without any trucks other than Township trucks.

Trustee Mason moved to approve the proposed 2013 cemetery budget as presented, Trustee VanNess seconded the motion and with no further discussion it was approved by a unanimous vote.

Cemetery Rules:

Superintendent's Report:

Superintendent Binckley reported they are still working on the rules and regulations for the Cemetery. They are working with the Prosecutor's Office on language for the cemetery rules. Trustee Jenks again reminded everyone of the joint cemetery meeting on May 1, at 7:30 p.m.

Purchase Request:

Superintendent Binckley requested permission to replace the 2006 Ferris Zero turn mower with a 2013 model from Wright Brothers Power for \$8,011.24. Superintendent Binckley also requested permission to put the 2006 mower on GovDeals.com. Superintendent Binckley stated they have had good luck with the Ferris Zero Turn. Superintendent Binckley reported he obtained 5 estimates for different mowers and the Ferris rates well. This will be purchased through the state purchasing program at a 21% discount.

Trustee VanNess made a motion to approve the purchase of the zero turn mower for \$8,011.24 and to approve placing the 2006 mower on GovDeals.com. Trustee Mason seconded the motion and after no further discussion it was approved by a unanimous vote.

Part time cemetery employee:

Superintendent Binckley reported it was time to begin the hiring process for a part time seasonal employee to aid in the day to day duties at the cemeteries. The period of employment will be from May through Sept/Oct. Superintendent Binckley recommended the salary rate remain \$10.00/hr. Trustee Jenks questioned when Superintendent Binckley would like the employee to begin working? Superintendent Binckley responded he would like the employee ready to begin working on May 1, 2013. Superintendent Binckley requested permission to interview the applicants the Township already has. Fiscal Officer Miller reminded the Trustees the Township hired a college student last year to avoid the unemployment problem which occurred in the past.

Trustee VanNess moved to approve Superintendent Binckley's request to interview applicants for the part time seasonal cemetery employee. Trustee Mason seconded the motion and it was approved by a unanimous vote with no further discussion.

Parks Department:

There was nothing new reported.

Fire Department:

Chief Hussey reported there have not been any significant emergencies in the last few weeks.

Continuing Education:

The Fire Department Staff has been working on continuing education hours. There are 210 hours of continuing education hours required each year.

Cable Barrier System:

Chief Hussey reported he was invited to ODOT District 5 for a presentation concerning cable barrier systems. They learned what to do with the cable barrier systems during an emergency. Chief Hussey reported there was a juvenile bystander hit by a cable barrier and fatality injured in Cincinnati. There was a presentation concerning how to de-tension the cable barriers. Chief Hussey commented he will meet with Superintendent Binckley to pass on the cable barrier information. Chief Hussey reported ODOT's Deputy Director Joe Rutherford has been good with reaching out to the Fire Department and providing information.

SVA Bottle Hydrostat Testing:

Chief Hussey reported the Fire Department completed the required SVA (System Valve Actuator) bottle hydrostat testing.

Kitchen remodeling:

Chief Hussey reported the Fire Department budget included \$3,800 for remodeling the kitchen. It is a good time to begin the project. They will be adding cabinets, etc., and all the labor will be in house. Chief Hussey requested approval to begin the project. The project will include re-flooring the meeting room, etc.

Trustee Mason moved to approve Chief Hussey's request to spend \$3,800 to remodel the fire house kitchen. Trustee VanNess seconded the motion and it was approved by a unanimous vote after no further discussion.

Land Management/ Zoning/ Open Space:

Township Zoning Commission:

Trustee VanNess reported he sent a note to Zoning Commission Chairperson, Chip Blanchard requesting the status of different items and requested an update concerning what the Zoning Commission has been working on such as reviewing the comprehensive plan, the abatement issue, and possible removal of section 1001-which concerns right of way (ROW) and culverts. Trustee VanNess advised he will keep the Trustees informed with any updates and will continue to see where the Commission is on the issues.

Open Space Issue/Parks:

Trustee Jenks reported an issue has arisen concerning park and passive recreation. Trustee Jenks reported the Open Space Committee has identified property which could become a park and Granville Township thought they got out of the parks business several years ago in 2010. With the advent of the GRD, the Township stopped collecting a 1 mill recreation levy.

Trustee Jenks reported he contacted the GRD for their position on parks and their position is if Granville Township is going to ask them to operate a park the Township is about to buy, the GRD needs to be involved. Trustee Jenks stated if Granville Township purchases land for use as a park and then requests the GRD to operate the park, the Township may exceed the GRD's ability to manage the park. Trustee Jenks commented

it was clear the Trustees' position in 2010 to stop collection of the recreation levy was a decision to get out of the active and passive parks business. Trustee Jenks reported this would not include properties like the Wildwood Hill (open space property across from Wildwood Park), which is not open to the public and provides a spectacular view to the community. Trustee Jenks commented he thought the Trustees could still protect properties like Wildwood Hill. Trustee Jenks indicated without the levy, Granville Township does not have money to manage parks. The GRD wants to be involved if the Township buys a park because they will have to manage it. Trustee Jenks sent the other Trustees a copy of the resolution. The resolution states current and future properties purchased for parks will be turned over to the GRD to manage. Trustee Jenks suggested since the GRD has a 1 mil levy it would be difficult for them to manage any more parks which require maintenance like that of Spring Valley. Trustee Jenks commented the Township needs to make the GRD its partner if a property is bought for active or passive parks.

Trustee VanNess questioned the section concerning passive parks. He spoke about Bicentennial Park, which is close to the bike path, but is a passive park. The public is invited to Bicentennial Park, but the Township does not have the GRD take care of Bicentennial Park. Trustee Jenks responded he did not know why Bicentennial Park was not turned over to the GRD, but believes the Township is clearly out of the parks business.

Trustee Jenks spoke about the Woods property and suggested it was a good example of what the Township needs to consider. The Township has had trouble leasing the property, it has been an expense for the Township, and it can't be used for farming. Someone is leasing it for grazing, but if they discontinue, the property will be a liability. The Woods property is not open to the public. Trustee Jenks commented buying property which will be open to the public and requires maintenance by the Township will be difficult to do because the Township does not have money allocated. Trustee Jenks said he was not a Trustee at the time, but with the advent of the GRD, the Township clearly demonstrated it was out of the parks business. Trustee Jenks commented all parks were to be managed by the GRD and the Village said the same thing in 2010 and made the same resolution.

Trustee VanNess believes the main reason for everything the past Trustees did was for organized recreation. The Township did not want to be in the organized recreation business. Trustee VanNess advised another reason for the creation of the GRD was to utilize the district as a tool to gain 33% in taxes from the entire school district, including areas which are not in Granville Township. Trustee Jenks agreed with Trustee VanNess and asked Trustee VanNess if he agreed Granville Township is out of the parks business.

Trustee VanNess commented he does not agree the Township is out of the parks business for parks which are for passive recreation. There can be areas where people can access and go on trails. Trustee VanNess would not label such an area a park. Trustee Jenks advised he label such an area a park because it would need to be maintained. Trustee Jenks said if the Township does not have to maintain the property

and there are not any expenses associated with it, such as Wildwood Hill, then it could be a scenic view. Trustee Jenks said if the public is allowed on the property and it is maintained, the Township no longer has a levy to support it.

Trustee VanNess said there may be certain areas such as behind Bryn Du, Jack Lux properties, etc. which could be open to the public for passive use. Trustee Jenks advised the GRD is already aware of those areas and the Township and the GRD should not both be vying for them.

Trustee VanNess stated he thought it was too restrictive to say the Township is completely out of the parks business. Trustee Jenks commented he did not write the resolution, but that is what the resolution from 2010 says.

Trustee VanNess said Trustee Jenks comments are directed toward the property next to McPeek Lodge. Trustee Jenks said he was not discussing the property next to McPeek Lodge, but would discuss that property later in the meeting. Trustee Jenks said the Township has to be clear to those on the Open Space Committee the Township is out of the parks business, except possibly for scenic views. Trustee Jenks commented the Township does not have any money to maintain new parkland purchases.

Trustee Jenks believes there are exceptions and if GRD does not have the money, but a prime property becomes available and the Township has the money, the Township could buy the property and possibly work a deal with the GRD at a later date if the property is converted.

Trustee Mason commented the point is the GRD would need to tell the Township the property is a piece they are interested in for the future.

Trustee Jenks said he has talked to GRD Board Member Justin Lodge, GRD Director Andy Wildman, and to the GRD Strategic Planning Committee. They said strategically they want to look at parks in the future. They want to look at active parks for softball, baseball, etc. and possibly at passive parks. Trustee Jenks commented the Township should not be in the same business as the GRD. Trustee Jenks reported the Township could buy a park for the GRD, but it has to be recommended by the GRD. Trustee Mason commented the GRD would have to maintain any future park.

Trustee Jenks reported the GRD is currently struggling to maintain the parks it has. Trustee Jenks reported the Township has to help the GRD with Spring Valley Park. The Township has to contribute money and labor to help the GRD with Spring Valley as the GRD's budget is tight. Trustee Jenks reported the GRD has indicated if the Township purchases a park without the GRD's approval, please do not give it to us to manage.

Trustee VanNess stated it may be property not used as a park and just bought as a scenic view. The properties should be reviewed case by case without giving the Township constraints. Trustee Jenks disagreed and stated the Trustees in 2010 made their intent

clear and the current Trustees need to reaffirm the Township is out of the parks business with the exception as stated above for properties not open to the public.

Trustee VanNess commented a park can be an area which has active or passive recreation. Trustee VanNess said if the Township operated by that statement and ever did a deal with the golf course, it would be active recreation. The use might not be why the land is purchased, but would be how it is used. Trustee Jenks reported the public would not be allowed on the golf course and the Township would not have to maintain it. The golf course could be purchased to protect the public interest, etc. but the public would not be allowed on it. Trustee Jenks stated the issue being discussed is land where the public is invited at the Township's expense.

Trustee VanNess stated he is trying to be flexible enough for any possible situation which could arise. Trustee VanNess commented the public has supported two levies to utilize money to buy key properties and the Township does not want to tie its hands. Trustee Jenks commented the Township does want to tie its hands, and Trustee VanNess disagreed.

Trustee Jenks stated if land is bought as green space, it has nothing to do with a park. If it is called a park and the public can come to it, there will be expense and maintenance and the Township cannot afford the maintenance after having given up its former recreation levy. Trustee VanNess stated it would not have to be labeled as a park, but would leave a door open for the GRD if they would want it later.

There was further discussion concerning the issue among the Trustees.

Trustee VanNess reported one issue in the comprehensive plan concerned the link-ability of pathways and trails. Trustee Jenks commented the resolution passed by the Trustees supersedes everything else. Trustee Jenks stated the past Trustees gave management of the Township's parks away and the Township needs to abide by that.

Trustee VanNess stated he did not believe the past Trustees gave away the passive recreation parks when he read the document. Trustee Jenks reported he is going to submit a motion tonight where the Township does not entertain purchasing a park for passive or active recreation without GRD involvement. This would not stop the Township from putting easements on protected areas.

Trustee VanNess commented the Township could ask the GRD if they have an interest in a property. Trustee Jenks commented the Open Space Committee should not be scoring properties high as a possible park if they won't be used as a park. Trustee Jenks indicated properties could meet the standards of purchase as an easement without being a park. Trustee Jenks reported the GRD has asked the Township not to buy parks without their input and he thinks their request is reasonable.

Trustee VanNess commented the Township has not said it is buying property for a park today. Trustee Jenks discussed the scoring for the property on Raccoon Valley has high

scores for the possibility it is a park. Trustee VanNess reported the Rutherford property was teamed up with FRPP and the purpose of the program is for the preservation of farmland, and there would be a 50% cost share.

Trustee Jenks commented if the Township takes FRPP money on the Rutherford property, the property cannot be a park, but it is being scored as a park.

Trustee VanNess stated a conservation easement is the Township's easement and can be tailored to some use as long as it does not jeopardize the conservation easement to preserve agricultural ground. There was discussion concerning the forested amounts and grazing parts of the property. Trustee VanNess reported the Rutherford property can be protected with 50% FRPP and the other property would be a purchase.

There was further conversation on whether the Township was out of the parks business or whether the Township was still in the passive parks business. Trustee Jenks said the Township has to decide whether it is in the parks business or not.

Doug Wagner, Granville Township Open Space Committee, requested permission to comment on the issue. Trustee Jenks allowed comments even though public comment is not normally allowed after the public comment period is closed. Mr. Wernet said the authority of the Township to zone and decide upon land use is provided under ORC 519.02. The Township can decide whether land will be open space, park, etc. Mr. Wernet said everything done by the Township has to be in accordance with the comprehensive plan. Mr. Wernet reported the comprehensive plan is the controlling document and talks about two different kinds of parks, active recreation and another category called open space. Mr. Wernet commented the comprehensive plan discusses open space is designated for passive recreation or land kept in original state. Mr. Wernet commented the comprehensive plan also says parks are identified independent of open space areas. The comprehensive plan has two categories of parks which include passive and active recreational use.

Mr. Wernet commented it is interesting when discussing FRPP as an easement can be modified from a standard easement to accomplish a local or state goal. A local goal may be for a greenspace program. Mr. Wernet reported the federal program encourages passive use. The property can be used in an agricultural way and as passive recreational. Mr. Wernet spoke on some of the history and remembered this problem was discussed previously. The previous discussion concerned the use of the front lawn at the Bryn Du Mansion. A resident was upset the land purchased with open space funds was being used for passive recreation. The Township Trustees at the time were able to convince the Ohio Legislature to modify the authorization for green space. The legislature said green space land can be used for recreational purposes so long as no building, structure, or fixture is permanently added to the land. Mr. Wernet said the state envisions open space land being used for passive recreational use. Mr. Wernet commented the question would be what is passive use? And opinioned the open space land can be used for any recreational purpose as long as there is not a permanent structure added to the land.

Mr. Wernet commented he looked at the Township resolution from 2009. Mr. Wernet indicated he has a different view of the resolution. Mr. Wernet said if the Trustees meant to do what Trustee Jenks believes they did the Trustees violated the comprehensive plan. Mr. Wernet commented it would make the resolution an invalid act. Mr. Wernet does not believe the Trustees' intent was to no longer have parks. Mr. Wernet commented the Trustees said they believe a joint recreation district may be an effective means of providing programming, recreation, etc. Mr. Wernet suggested the key word was "may". Mr. Wernet noted only certain properties were moved to the GRD. The front lawn of Bryn Du, Bicentennial Park, etc., were not turned over to the GRD. Those properties do have recreational use. Mr. Wernet believes the Trustees were careful in the resolution and it was done to retain maximum rights for the Trustees. Mr. Wernet said the resolution stated Granville Township has properties owned or may be owned in the future it may wish to make available to the GRD. Mr. Wernet commented the Trustees were anticipating the Township would buy land for recreational use. Mr. Wernet also indicated state law allows the Township to buy land for future recreational use.

Mr. Wernet stated the resolution details three properties, Raccoon Valley, McPeck Lodge, and Spring Valley to be managed by the GRD. Mr. Wernet noted the resolution included the use would be subject to reviews by the Trustees. Mr. Wernet opined the Trustees did not give the parks permanently, but gave the use of them for now. Mr. Wernet commented his review of the resolution gives him a different opinion on the past Trustees' intent. Mr. Wernet said the bottom line is whatever the Trustees do tonight has to be in accordance with the comprehensive plan. The comprehensive plan talks about passive use in open space lands.

Doug Wagner, Chair, Granville Township Open Space Committee, stated the goals of the open space plan. A major goal is to maintain the rural environment. Mr. Wagner reported he read through the document. Mr. Wagner commented active recreation such as what occurs at Raccoon Valley is not what is being discussed. Mr. Wagner believes the Township needs to keep opportunities open for passive recreation. Mr. Wagner commented it is important to keep options as the Township does not know what will be available in the future. If the Township decides it cannot look at any property and consider passive use in ten to twenty years the Township may be upset it cannot purchase certain land for open space. Mr. Wagner said the Township should not be shortsighted with the cost of the management of the land such as mowing, etc. versus the long term benefit of some of the land purchases. Money is always an issue, but the Trustees need to look at long term benefits of an open space program which has been supported by the public. The public is paying the price now for the program, but will be thankful later. Mr. Wagner commented people should avoid having a narrow focus and eliminating their opinions based on certain properties which are on the table now or may be on the table in the future.

Mr. Wernet commented Trustee Jenks brought up a good point there are certain open space acquisitions which are critical such as to fend off annexation. Mr. Wernet added the public has expressed support for an open space/ green space program for a broad

range of things such as protecting community resources, maintaining farmland, maintaining rural atmosphere, maintaining small town, etc. Mr. Wernet stated all these things are in the comprehensive plan.

Leonard Hubert, Granville Township Open Space Committee, indicated he understands Trustee Jenk's thoughts concerning the land for active parks where sports, etc. are taking place and should be under the control of the GRD. Mr. Hubert advised the Trustees as long as they are acting within the law they may do what they choose to do. Mr. Hubert made a point, the last time a community survey was done concerning the work of the open space committee they scored high within the area of land to be used for passive parks. Mr. Hubert cautioned the Trustees suggesting if the community is supportive of the open space program and if the Trustees do something which gives intent contrary to the objective of the Granville Township Open Space Committee it becomes a problem for meeting the needs of the Community. It may cause a loss of support for the open space program.

Jackie O'Keefe questioned to what extent the GRD would have influence over choosing the land and the use of the land. Ms. O'Keefe questioned whether if land was designated as for active recreation and the GRD states it wants the land would it then put a swimming pool in. Ms. O'Keefe questioned whether this is a direction the influence of the GRD could lead.

Trustee Jenks responded he thinks this is a direction the program could take. Trustee Jenks believes the Township is in an awkward position. Trustee Jenks commented when the comprehensive planning process began the GRD did not exist. Trustee Jenks stated if the Township is buying property for parks for the people to enjoy the Township needs to make sure the GRD is part of the process so the Township does not put the GRD out of business by forcing properties onto them they cannot maintain. If the Township buys properties it has to maintain it puts us in an awkward position because it has lost the inheritance tax and given up the parks tax. The Township will be in a position where it cannot maintain the parks. Trustee Jenks suggested things changed during the comprehensive planning process and he stated he read the comprehensive plan as well. Trustee Jenks stated he does not think his suggestion is inconsistent with the comprehensive plan. Trustee Jenks said the Township can still buy park property with the green space money but the GRD has to agree. Trustee Jenks reported he spoke to the GRD Strategic Planning Committee and they have not given much thought to the parks and the passive recreation issue, as they are thinking about softball, lacrosse, etc. They are a government agency and they need to be encouraged to think more about active and passive recreation. The Township should not get back into parks as it is a GRD function. Trustee Jenks said the issue is how things should be worked out. Green space money can be used to get parks the GRD can use, but they have to approve. It cannot be titled in the GRD's name. It has to be titled in the Township's name. The question is how to engage the GRD? Granville Township can obtain property it thinks would make a good park, but the GRD could say do not give it to us because we cannot afford them. Trustee Jenks stated the Township has a new partner.

Mr. Wernet commented Trustee Jenks made a valid point and when the Open Space Committee was looking at property last year they thought there may be a possibility the GRD would also be interested in the property. Mr. Wernet reported the Open Space Committee did not want go after the same property as the GRD, therefore we had a meeting with Director Wildman. Mr. Wernet reported Mr. Wagner was careful not to interfere with the GRD. Mr. Wernet cautioned there should be an integrated effort the key is to remember all the public desire and support for the open space goals. Mr. Wernet agrees there is a cost to maintaining the open space. Mr. Wernet commented the open space program maintains property values for everyone in the Township. Mr. Wernet commented, as a realtor his customers are enthusiastic about the open space program. The open space program makes Granville different from other communities. Some customers are coming from areas with suburb after suburb and they appreciate Granville is different.

Mr. Wernet reported the first open space property was Salt Run Park. Salt Run Park is not on a border and it is hard to see the land, but it is a beautiful area and people can walk through. It has made the houses nearby more valuable. Mr. Wernet opinioned the gains far outweigh the costs.

Trustee Jenks commented no one is against the open space and most of the program does not have to do with parks. Large tracts of land are purchased or put under easement. Trustee Jenks stated there is not an argument with the goals of the open space program. Mr. Wernet's concern is when land or an easement is purchased we get our money's worth. Mr. Wernet questioned why a property should be purchased and not allow for any passive recreation. Mr. Wernet suggested instead that when land is looked at for active recreation to discuss the purchase with the GRD, but if land is looked at for passive recreation possibly talk to GRD, but they will not always need to get involved in land for passive recreation. Mr. Wernet also believes there will be other pieces of land, such as boundary land, where passive recreation will not be an issue.

Trustee Jenks stated the Township made the decision to get out of the parks business and the Village made the same decision. The Village turned Wildwood over to the GRD. The Village did not turn all the parks over, but Trustee Jenks did not know why. It was commented Franchion Lewis Park, Opera House Park, Sugar Loaf Park, etc, were not turned over to the GRD.

Mr. Hubert stated from a public policy standpoint when a broad policy statement such as we are no longer in the parks business is made it contradicts the work the Open Space Committee is doing and is a concern. Mr. Hubert commented if the Trustees are trying to figure out which properties the GRD can manage it is a management issue. Mr. Hubert suggested from a public policy standpoint the Township should be careful what message a broad policy statement such as the one being discussed will give to the public and how it contradicts the goals of the Open Space Committee.

Trustee Jenks agreed with Mr. Hubert, but commented pressure is being put on the wrong person and should instead be discussed with the GRD. The GRD should build

and discuss a strategic plan. Trustee Jenks commented the GRD is the parks entity and he did not believe there should be multiple parks entities and compared it to two fire departments covering same areas. Trustee Jenks suggested the Open Space Committee can come to the Trustees and petition purchase of parks, but he will want to turn the parks over to the GRD because the Township dropped the parks levy and the GRD has a levy for parks. Trustee Jenks commented the GRD needs to adopt a robust parks policy.

Mr. Wagner stated his concern is the Township loses flexibility by saying it is out of the parks business. Mr. Wagner stated there are many potential scenarios and gave an example of one where he felt if the Township stated it was out of the parks business it would lose the opportunity to gain valuable passive recreation property.

There was further discussion concerning the comprehensive plan and whether it is the guiding document for the Township and the Village. Mr. Wernet reiterated the Township has to follow the comprehensive plan.

There was further discussion concerning the 2009 resolution and the choice of the word may rather than shall. There was discussion the Township wanted out of active recreation and residents within the whole school district should fund programs. Trustee VanNess commented what the Township spends on the Spring Valley trails is next to nothing and is mostly volunteer work. Trustee VanNess stated some tools were bought. Trustee Jenks and Mason noted the Township patches roads in the park. Trustee Jenks stated the Township is repairing the shelter house because the GRD does not have the money to repair the shelter house. Trustee VanNess commented he was not talking about the shelter house because any land purchased for open space cannot have a building built, but a trail can be put through woods.

Trustee Jenks commented what is being suggested is the Township buy land for passive recreation which it probably will not have the money to maintain.

Trustee VanNess commented passive recreation does not require a great deal of money and may use all volunteer work for things like trails. There was further talk about the comprehensive plan and the 2009 resolution. Mr. Wernet believes the Trustees retained rights in the 2009 resolution and did not violate the comprehensive plan.

Vince Paumier, Granville Township Zoning Commission, questioned why someone from the GRD couldn't be put on the Open Space Committee. Trustee Jenks suggested Lisa Cannon who is on the Strategic Planning Committee for the GRD be consulted. Mr. Wernet also thought it was a good suggestion to have someone from the GRD on the Open Space Committee.

There was discussion concerning how to get the GRD to put more passive recreation parks into the GRD system. Mr. Hubert said there needs to be a management decision how to manage the parks. Mr. Hubert commented from a public policy standpoint the citizens' voted to support the open space program and they have consistently stated through surveys the parks and passive recreation areas rank high in their reasons why

they support the levy. Mr. Hubert commented whether the Trustees like it or not the Township is still in the parks business as it is the governing authority who buys the land and either chooses to allow either the GRD or itself to manage the property. Mr. Hubert said the Township is never out of the parks business as it is the legal authority who is the driving force in the decision making process. Mr. Hubert asked the Trustees to please do not convey a message to the Community the Township is out of the parks business. Mr. Hubert commented people will get the wrong impression and will make support for the great open space program difficult to obtain.

Ms. O'Keefe commented people perceive parks are GRD. It may not be a true perception, but the impression the GRD is making the decision about what land is going to be park land is not what the community voted for. Ms. O'Keefe commented what the community voted for was open space. The community did not vote for the GRD to buy land for parks.

Trustee Jenks disagreed and commented the mission for the GRD is to be the parks and recreation district. Trustee Jenks stated the GRD mission statement and the legislation which allows the GRD.

Ms. O'Keefe believes perception is an issue. Ms. O'Keefe commented people will say they voted for open space, but not for the GRD. There was discussion the GRD handles the recreational sports, organized sports. Trustee VanNess commented if the Township says it is out of the parks business it narrows its prerogatives.

Trustee Mason reported he has a different slant on the issue. He interacts with many people at Denison and the focal point there is protecting the borders. Any time the Township makes a purchase or talks about FRPP, people ask why the Township is not protecting the boarders. They have asked why the Township is not aggressively protecting itself from Heath. They also discuss the fact that Johnstown is bidding for water from Alexandria, also Southwest Licking and Granville. Questions arise whether the Township is buying up land in those areas, and although land may not be available how is it known the land is not available. The Township is instead talking about buying interior land which is not a threat. Mr. Wernet commented he agrees the Township needs to go after all those properties and should not lose sight of that critical need.

There was further discussion of the goals of the open space program. It meets different goals for different groups and therefore has the support of many.

Trustee Jenks questioned whether any of the Trustees wanted to make a motion concerning where the Township stands on the issue of parks. No one responded.

Trustee Jenks questioned whether a Trustee would like to make a motion to pursue the use of open space funds to purchase the property next to McPeek Lodge.

Trustee VanNess made a motion to pursue the acquisition of the property next to McPeek Lodge even though it is scored as open space type 2. Trustee VanNess stated it

is a very viable agricultural use property. It is the first buildable open spot coming from Alexandria into Granville Township. The property creates a nice scenic view and has a nice hill. The property is between McPeck Lodge and the bike path. Trustee VanNess commented he believes the property would be a nice acquisition to the open space portfolio.

Trustee Mason reported he understands the GRD is not interested in the property and questioned what the acquisition of the property would do for the Township. The property will not block any annexation as there is already property outside of this property that is Granville Township property. Trustee Mason stated a maximum of three homes could be built on the property and did not feel three homes would hurt the Township. Trustee Mason commented he would rather go after the 100s of acres where someone could put in large scale housing. Trustee Mason commented due to the one house five acre rule this cannot be done in the interior of the Township. Trustee Mason questioned what the purchase of the property would do for the Township in accomplishing the goals of the open space program.

Trustee VanNess referenced page 60 of the comprehensive plan and discussed properties less than 20 acres are encouraged to maintain their rural character. Trustee Mason commented rural character would not be lost with three homes. Trustee VanNess disagreed.

Trustee Jenks asked if there was a second to the motion. There was no second and the motion failed. Trustee Jenks commented there is no interest in the property.

Old Business:

Rotary Bridge Project-

Trustee Jenks reported Trustee VanNess asked for a timeline for the Rotary Bridge project. Trustee Jenks presented Trustee VanNess a graphic image of the projects timeline.

Union Cemetery:

Trustee Jenks reported there is nothing new besides the May 1, 2013 meeting date with Village Council, Township Trustees and the Union Cemetery Board.

Hunting near Township Garage:

Trustee VanNess reported he had a conversation with the tenant and he is willing to change the rules to what the Township wants as long as the Township adds time onto his contract.

Trustee Jenks commented he is not willing to add time to the contract. Trustee Jenks said the tenant has abused the privilege and violated the contract. Trustee Jenks stated he will begin investigating violations of the contract. Trustee Jenks said the Township asked the tenant to stop hunting with long guns and the Village offered to extend the bow hunting program to include the property. Trustee Jenks commented people shooting high powered rifles next to SR 16 and Kendal cannot happen.

Trustee VanNess said the tenant has not violated his contract. Trustee Jenks said he believes they have violated their contract. Trustee VanNess said the tenant is willing to do what the Township wants, but asked for the lease to be extended. Trustee Jenks is not interested in adding time to the contract and wants the long guns out of the property. Trustee Mason commented Kendal is complaining. Trustee VanNess reported he talked to Doug Helman and Mr. Helman has not had a complaint. There was further discussion concerning the issue.

Website Redesign:

Fiscal Officer Miller reported he is meeting with Alphalink tomorrow to be shown how to update the new website. Fiscal Officer Miller reported he updated information for Mr. Wagner concerning open space on the current website. Fiscal Officer Miller reported he also added Superintendent's Binckley's Right of Way permit to the current website.

Zoning Inspector Evaluation:

Trustee VanNess reported he met with Zoning Inspector May and the evaluation has been given to Fiscal Officer Miller.

Low Head Dams:

Trustee VanNess reported the low head dam issue for the Goss property was already discussed. Trustee Mason questioned whether everything was okay concerning Owens Corning's dam. Trustee VanNess responded Trustee Mason reported at the previous meeting Owens Corning was in compliance with everything. Trustee Mason stated Owens Corning has not provided a copy of the required emergency action plan. Chief Hussey commented he has a contact at Owens Corning and will reach out to him to obtain a copy of the emergency action plan.

New Business:

Spring Clean-up:

Trustee Jenks reported the Township has to think about the Spring Clean-up. Trustee Jenks reported there were containers outside the Township building last year, they were overloaded, and people outside the Township possibly used the containers. Trustee Jenks questioned whether the Township wants to do a Spring clean-up, and if so, does the Township want to change the way the Spring Clean-up is done. Trustee Jenks reported the Township will need to make a decision soon. The Spring Clean-up is normally the last full week in April.

Trustee VanNess reported the clean-up does not cost the Township anything. Superintendent Binckley stated the Township has a contract with Big O to supply up to 5 containers. Superintendent Binckley reported the Township used 4 containers last year. Trustee Mason questioned whether Superintendent Binckley thought the containers were well utilized. Superintendent Binckley responded he believed they were.

Trustee Mason questioned how the Township will advertise the clean-up. Chief Hussey indicated notifications were sent from the reverse 911 system last year. It was suggested the Sentinel will hopefully publish information concerning the clean-up. Superintendent Binckley will arrange to have the containers delivered. Fiscal Officer Miller will put information concerning the clean-up on the Township website.

It was previously reported the Village was not going to do a spring clean-up, but now is. Village Councilwomen O'Keefe stated Big O will pick up anything during its normal runs. Ms. O'Keefe reported people expect the Spring Clean-up and so Village Council approved the program again this year.

Trustee Mason made a motion the Granville Township again provide and promote the Spring Clean-up service. Trustee VanNess seconded the motion and it was approved by a unanimous vote with no further discussion.

Calendar Reminder:

Regular Township meetings, 3/27/13 and 4/10/13 starting at 7:00 p.m.

Morse Rd. Meeting, 3/20/13.

Old Colony Cemetery Joint meeting, 5/1/2013.

Executive Session:

On a motion by Trustee Jenks with, Jenks-yes, Mason-yes and VanNess-yes the meeting was moved into Executive Session under ORC section 121.21(G)(2) for possible land acquisition. The members of the Open Space Committee were invited to attend.

After a period of discussion on a motion by Trustee Mason and a second by Trustee VanNess, with Mason yes, Jenks yes and VanNess yes the meeting was returned to regular session.

With no further action being taken, the meeting was adjourned at 10:30 pm.