

GRANVILLE TOWNSHIP LAND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
AGENDA – Monday, February 24, 2020

ATTENDING: Mickey Smith, Lynn & Craig Connelly, Dick Kinsley, Greg Dixon, Judy Preston, & Emily McCall

GUESTS: Bryn Bird & Laura Mickelson

MEETING MINUTES – November 11, 2019 minutes were recorded by Emily McCall approved by email and forwarded to trustees and Land Trust representatives by Emily McCall.

PARKS AND TRAILS: Emily asked all present if they knew of Jerry Greer using herbicide in Spring Valley Nature Preserve. Bryn said she would look into this.

Ned Roberts Fund This has not been touched – about \$1,500. Boy Scouts have backed out. Other groups we could approach are Kiwanis & GHS Cross Country for their labor. Alternative to bridges: “Charlie steps,” or log crossings. Benches were discussed, although, found to be expensive.

AGRICULTURE: Leases on Green Spaces are up next year.

DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS: Folders were passed out to the committee members.

Group 1 – Jeffery Williams, Homestead Farm, Joseph & Therese White, Wolfe (T4, T5, T6, & T39), Greg & Craig received these. They were reminded to get the Wolfe Property assessment to Bryn A.S.A.P. for the government grant.

Group 2 – Row Farms, Frances Robb & Lucinda Smith, Bruce Farms, Wayde Gutridge & Dixon (T1, T2, T3, T7 & T8) Lyn, Craig & Mickey received these. Lyn reminded us that #17 “Frances Robb (Parkinson’s)” sign is still down. Bryn will make sure it gets one.

Group 3 – Tataranowicz, Granville Township (T32 & T33) Emily & Judy received these. Judy kindly stepped up to assist with this assessment as the terrain is too much for Mickey.

Group 4 – Smith & Forni (T20 & T21) Dick & Judy received these.

Group 5 – Golf course (T38) Greg & Emily (& Andrew McCall) received these.

Group 6 – Breymaier Mickey & Emily received these. Bryn remembered that the Green Space sign is again missing.

TRUSTEE UPDATE: Bryn notified us about the following:

Joe White still wants to farm Xmas trees, while other White family members want to sell the property. They are working with lawyers, so Joe can have access to barn. The property line was changed & parcels of less than 20 A of conservation easements is not possible.

A family whose property is adjacent to Spring Valley Nature Preserve allowed Lee’s Tree Service to cut 10 mature walnut trees (amounting to \$14,000) well within S.V.N.P.’s land. Their case is in the

Prosecutor's office. Lee's Tree Service has been cooperating.

The family renting the house at the entrance of S.V.N.P. asked to purchase the land from the township. The township trustees brought this to the Ohio Public's Works Commission to ask how this might happen, but found the rental of this house should not have ever happened – the O.P.W.C. said they would have to bring this up with the Attorney General. The trustees were apologetic as they had not known this was not possible. The family in the house will have to move within a year.

Austin Lecklider, one of Licking County's Attorneys, is now the state expert for easements because of our unique situations. He pointed out 4 township properties that don't have easements on them. At the meeting, Judy pointed out more (land on the township map that is not orange). Austin suggested the creation of a blanket easement for these properties that were purchased with the Open Space fund to protect them from development. Judy also noted that parts of S.V.N.P. are zoned business – so changing those to conservation district zoning would be a good decision as well.

If there is anywhere in the township we feel needs more trees planted, there is still a significant amount of money for good size, native trees through a grant by a deceased member of the First Presbyterian Church.

The O'Neill family has sold their 200 A property to the township. The trustees have written up their easement and one of two payments have been made. At the meeting, Emily was asked to contact Robert O'Neill to set up an initial assessment. Judy & Mickey offered to attend. The official assessment cannot be made until all payment has gone through.

Finally, we discussed the glitch in the new Village of Granville qualification range that will be built for the village police department. The "trash materials" from the initial large pile from a construction company, have been removed. Concrete, stone, and bricks are still present in such large quantity that it will cost a large amount to have removed (there is talk that this is only half of what is needed to make the range). The issue with this range is that it is on township land purchased by the Open Space fund and by the Ohio Revised Code, no permanent structure can be built on this land. A remediation plan is necessary for the Village Council to create. Emily was asked to write a letter on behalf of this committee, to encourage the Council Manager to start working on this plan.

OTHER: None.

NEXT MEETING: No discussion was made. Emily will contact committee members in the summer to check on the progress of easement assessments. Committee members may contact Emily if they have a preference of time for the Autumn meeting.