

Granville Township Land Management Committee Minutes
May 10, 2007

Meeting was held at the Sexton's House, Maple Grove Cemetery, Granville.

Present were: Rob Schaadt, Judy Preston, Greg Dixon, Craig McDonald, and Mickey Smith.

Minutes from the April 19, 2007 meeting were read and approved.

Greg reported that he and Laura Mickelson developed and distributed information flyers to property owners abutting the Salt Run/ Spring Valley parcels. The flyers are intended to keep local residents up to date on current and upcoming activities planned for the area. Greg will provide copies of the flyer to the committee.

Craig reported the Earth Day Trail project was very successful. Those involved were enthusiastic about the project and were able to provide a good foundation for work on the trails within the Salt Run parcel. Work on this trail and others within the Spring Valley area will be continued through several planned efforts. Township workers, under Frank Annarino's direction will continue clearing fallen tree branches. Craig will meet with Frank Annarino to review specific work that will be done by township workers. A high-school work day is being planned for May 18 and a community trail work day is scheduled for June 23.

Though neither Craig nor Grace will be in town for the May 18 event, Craig has arranged to have two teachers as leaders. He is flagging the trail and generally organizing the event. Any committee members who can be part of the high school activity should let Craig know.

Craig will develop specific tasks suitable for the community trail-work day on June 23. Publicity for the day is being planned and includes both printed and web-site based sources. Greg will check with the village and Judy with the township about web-sites which could serve as a source of information for the community. Craig will ask Jennifer Kinsley to develop a flyer and Judy Preston will distribute them. Greg and Judy offered to serve as phone and e-mail public contacts on the flyer. Craig will contact Grace to see about developing an evaluation form for the Community Trail Work Day. This evaluation form will serve as a source of community input for the use of township lands. Craig suggested blazes be used as trail markers. The committee recommended having the blazes purchased through township funds.

Trail work and cleaning of both the Salt Run and Spring Valley parcels has been a major focus of discussion and work for the committee these past several months. This evening's meeting included discussion concerning use of township land being farmed as well as other future tasks for the committee. It is clear that the group hopes to consider other possible uses for township lands and is eager for input from both the community and the township trustees.

The next meeting was set for Thursday, May 24, 2007 at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Mickey Smith