

Granville Township Land Management Committee -November 11, 2008 meeting minutes
Present were: Greg Dixon, Rob Schaadt, Laura Mickelson, Judy Preston, Roger Dunifon, and Mickey Smith. Guests: Derek Esh and Don Esh.

Following a presentation by Derek, minutes of the October meeting were read and approved. They will be forwarded to township trustees and Licking County Land Trust members.

Derek, an Eagle Scout candidate, presented his proposal for 2 projects for the Spring Valley/Salt Run Park. The projects are designed to meet Scout requirements and include building two kiosks and a camp site. One kiosk would be placed within the park entrance area and be used to hold maps and general information. The second kiosk would be at the camp site and be used to hold regulations and other information relative to the use of the camp site. The site would include tent pads and a fire ring. Derek described the construction procedure and usage for both projects. He inquired about any restrictions limiting what materials can be used within the park.

Derek will be supported, in part, by the Granville Lumber Company and will be seeking additional funds from community sources. Derek told us that several pieces of the project can be made over the winter and actual setting of the projects would begin in spring, 2009. He suggested that scheduling for use of the camp site be through the Granville Recreation Commission.

Laura expressed concern to the committee about the campsite fire-ring and suggested we consult with neighbors about the project. The committee discussed possible issues associated with use of a fire-ring. Craig will share our concerns about the fire-ring and present Derek's plans to Bill Habig for trustee review and approval.

Craig presented a review of the Denison Environmental Studies Practicum work. They had developed several working committees: Trail Maintenance, Rules, Environmental Education, Public Relations and Mapping and Boundary. The class offered the community a Spring Valley Fall Festival event November 8. Mickey Smith represented the committee at that event. A good number of community people were present and took part in various activities at the park. The Denison class instructor will let us know when the class presents a summary of their work. A sign for the park entrance is also being designed and constructed by Denison. It will be similar to the sign at the entrance of the BioReserve .

The committee discussed naming of trails within the park and offered several possibilities:

Ridge Trail; OxBow Trail; Proposal Tree Trail; The Reeb/Roberts Trail; Sunset Loop; White Oak Trail; Valley Trail and Camp Trail.

It was suggested that signs for trails may be an appropriate Eagle Scout project for John Filippi. Craig told us that the Girl Scout troop is still enthusiastic about developing a project for the park although no definite plans are currently being offered.

The Kiwanis Sugar Bush project proposal will be presented to the trustees on November 26.

Rob Schaadt agreed to serve as the new chair for the Land Management Committee. He will assume that role January, 2009. Craig will help Rob with looking at work of the Agriculture committee; Greg, Judy and Laura will review leases for the township green space parcels.

The next meeting is scheduled for December 16, 2008 at 7:30pm.

Submitted by Mickey Smith