

Granville Township Land Management Committee May 6, 2008 minutes

Present: Craig McDonald, Rob Schaadt, Roger Dunifon, Judy Preston, Laura Mickelson, Greg Dixon and Mickey Smith. Guests: Mary Fitch and Wes Sargent.

Minutes of the April 8 meeting were corrected and approved. Copies will be sent to the township trustees, Dr. Mickelson, Doug Spieles and Candi Moore.

Mary Fitch of the Licking Land Trust Board talked with us about plans for the Spring Valley property. She explained its purchase through Clean Ohio funds and ways in which those funds allow for its use. She explained that some portions of the property are restricted in their use while others allow for old usage practices.

She also told us:

- of availability of some funding for wild flower planting;
- that in the Fall of 2008 the board will provide for landscaping and installation of a sign at the entrance;
- of a possible EPA grant for creek restoration and improvement in a couple of years; including removal of the low-head dam and concrete walls;
- the bath house may become an education center;
- the Land Trust has established an inspection base line for the property and will conduct an annual review of the property.

Craig asked Wes to talk with us about our continuing role in light of our original assignment. He reported we believe our work with the Spring Valley / Salt Run parcels is being completed and that the parcel is on target for its development. A summary of our work with Spring Valley / Salt Run parcels will be written for the trustees. Discussion of the Quisenberry property, as part of our original assignment focused on its continuing use as a farming plot and as the site for the new Township building. We were unsure of property lines and had not considered any use other than agriculture at this time.

Wes reported that the Burg Street property lease with Phil Watts was renewed and that the farm plan language developed by Rob was implemented in that lease. Rob questioned possible use by the public of the property edge areas. Wes suggested Rob talk with Phil Watts about it.

Wes suggested he and Craig meet to review the remaining township owned areas to gain a better sense of the properties and how we might be helpful in determining their usage.

Greg asked about the field at Salt Run and what plans the township had for its use. It was suggested that a portion of that plot might be a possibility to develop as a sugar bush to support the Granville Kiwanis Maple Syrup project. Another possibility would be use of a hillside portion of the Quisenberry property. Wes offered support of the idea. It will be necessary to talk with Don Lewis of the Granville Kiwanis to see what conditions would be needed for such a use.

Wes suggested the committee look at the work done at the house at Spring Valley and offered to lead a tour of it for us. June 10 at 7:30 was tentatively set as a date.

The next full meeting of the committee was scheduled for Tuesday, July 29, 2008 at 7:30 pm.

Submitted by: Mickey Smith

