

Land Management Meeting Minutes – March 10, 2009

Attendees: Rob Schaadt, Roger Dunifon, Greg Dixon, Laura Mickelson, Craig McDonald, Judy Preston and Mickey Smith. Guests included leaders of the local 8th grade Girl Scout troop.

Minutes of the February 10, 2009 meeting were read and adopted.

Guest Presentation: The local 8th grade Girl Scout troop is interested in completing a Silver Award project at Spring Valley Nature Preserve. They asked if a gazebo placed at the entrance would fit into current plans for the park. The committee was positive about the idea but expressed a concern that such a structure might not fit into easement requirements for the Preserve. Rob will check into the matter with the trustees and get back to the troop.

Parks & Trails:

Camping Procedures: Craig submitted a set of proposed rules/guidelines for camping at Spring Valley and Salt Run. (See attached page). The trustees have asked the committee to add regulations about the presence of dogs on the property. The additional regulations will be added to Craig's list and submitted to the trustees.

Organic Garden: Craig offered a structure by which organic garden plots might be developed. He suggested offering such plots on township land to the Granville community. Several possible sites for plots were mentioned. The committee will continue to study the topic and make recommendations in time for year 2010 planting.

Earth Day – April 18, 2009. A small group of middle school students will work a general clean up of the park and trails.

Boy Scout updates: Craig has talked with John Filipi as well as other scouts considering projects within Spring Valley. No substantive progress has been made at this time with any of the proposals.

The committee was told by the trustees that we were not to initiate a study of the newly acquired Gordon property at this time.

Public Relations: Judy informed the committee that the committee web page has been added to the Granville Township Web Site. Links within our page were not connected yet. Questions submitted by e-mail to the committee will be forwarded to appropriate bodies.

Agriculture: Rob has reported to the trustees about our recent visit to the Quisenberry property. We have asked that the silt fence by the gas line be removed and that the trustees investigate erosion that has developed from construction of the new road on the property.

Development Rights: no report

Additional Topics:

Kiwanis Sugar Bush: There is to be a public hearing regarding the use of the field at Salt Run as a Sugar Bush site for the Kiwanis Club of Granville. The meeting will be held at the March 25, 2009 trustee meeting at McPeck Lodge. Details of the proposal will be presented and discussed pending a final approval by the trustees.

Next Meeting: April 14, 2009 at 7:30 pm; Maple Grove Cemetery
Submitted by: Mickey Smith

PROPOSED RULES FOR SPRING VALLEY / SALT RUN PARK – for Discussion purposes

1. The preserve is open daily from dawn to dusk.
2. Motorized vehicles and horseback riding are prohibited.
3. Dogs may be walked on trail but must be on a leash to minimize stress to wildlife. Dogs must be under control at all times and picked up after.
4. Collection of mushrooms, wildflowers or any organism in Spring Valley is prohibited.
5. No off-trail-hiking is permitted in Spring Valley without permission of Granville Township or the Licking Land Trust.
6. Hunting and the discharge of firearms are strictly forbidden.
7. Mountain bikes are not permitted in Spring Valley.
8. Open fires and camping are prohibited in Spring Valley. Camping is permitted only at the designated site with written permission from the Township. Fires are only permitted in the fireplace of the shelter house at Spring Valley. Only dead wood may be collected for fires.
9. Consumption of alcohol or drugs on preserve property is prohibited.
10. Littering is prohibited. Please dispose of waste in the proper receptacles or take it with you.
11. Trails may be subject to seasonal closure to prevent trail damage.