

November 15, 2016

The November 15, 2016 meeting of the Mansfield Township Open Space Committee was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chair Andy Parke, followed by a salute to the flag.

Members present: Andy Parke, Matthew Wielgus, Richard Rosenblum, Ron Hayes

Excused: Carren Thomas

Absent: Brad Smith, Alison Lorentson

Others in attendance: Roberta Kugelmeyer, Joseph Watters, James Watters, Glenn Todd

Ron Hayes has been appointed to the Open Space Committee, filling one of two open positions.

Minutes

It was MOVED by Mr. Parke to accept and approve the minutes of the September 20, 2016 meeting, seconded by Mr. Wielgus; Mr. Hayes abstained. All in favor.

Mt. Bethel Church

Masonry work is needed for the doorway in the kitchen before winter; however, the mason wants a fifty percent payment up front which the Township may not approve. Mr. Parke will contact the mason regarding his schedule and regarding payments to him.

Instead of a septic, a pump system might be considered. The original well was dug in 1952 or 1953, the depth is unknown and a new one may be necessary. Mr. Parke will get quotes from Sentry, Stothoff, Maxwell; Collaluce has quoted \$2,000 which does not include a pump but does include the work, wiring and piping. Township resident Guy Baggerly has offered to do the site work, Mr. Margulies will work with him and supervise this necessary excavation. The original gutters drained to the rear of the building; if a water problem arises, it will be addressed. Brush clearing along the fence continues.

Three electricians are working at the church at no charge if material is provided. Members present questioned how they might be recognized for the effort. Underground electric service maintains the historic preservation. It was suggested that Friends Preserving Mansfield's Past might arrange a plaque honoring the many volunteers.

There are six grave sites behind the church, an area that needs new fencing. Perhaps an Eagle Scout candidate would be interested in the project.

Ms. Kugelmeyer reminded that handicap access and a bathroom will be required. The bathroom could possibly be placed upstairs near the entry.

A new grant was approved October 3, 2016 for \$131,000 which is a reduction from the \$280,000 originally applied for. There were nine applicants, and we were fortunate to be one

of only six receiving grant money. The committee was impressed by the work already completed at the church. An impressive and unique truss system was revealed after the plaster ceiling was removed. A grant application was submitted to Home Depot which has been turned down.

Cafferata Park

Joseph Watters questioned the commemorative plaque that was to be placed honoring Wilma Stark; the plaque was never installed and Dawn Smith will be questioned. Donaldson Farm has offered trees or shrubs for placement at the park when this Committee directs.

Karrsville School House

The painting is done, windows have been caulked, all is sealed. No further action for now.

Open Space Comments

Dick Appleby still wants to sell the train station in Port Murray. We have federal but not state non profit status. Non profit tax information is needed to pursue this possibility, so the Township Clerk will be asked to call Tom Ferry to learn what is required.

It was moved by Mr. Rosenblum to adjourn at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth A. Pante, Clerk

**Next meeting date:
December 20, 2016**
