

January 20, 2015

The January 20, 2015 meeting of the Mansfield Township Open Space Committee was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Chair James Watters, followed by a pledge of allegiance to the flag. Present were James Watters, Andy Parks, Glenn Todd, Joseph Watters, Carren Thomas and Dawn Smith. Absent were newly appointed members Brad Smith and Richard Rosenblum. Joseph Watters noted Carren Thomas was not appointed to this Committee, and Kathie Todd was not reappointed.

Mt. Bethel Church

- Non-profit group: No name yet. A town attorney has been approached to assist with the formation of the non-profit group.
- Closing: January 23 is the date set for a closing; the survey has been done. Preparation for bids can begin.
- Repairs: Roof and window repairs are urgent. Restoration specialist Dennis Bertland suggested the back section should be left on because once removed it cannot be repaired. There is a concrete floor in the basement, and removing anything inside the church could compromise the roof.
- Site cleanup: Skip Ryan plans to bring his wood chipper to the site and will work with a Boy Scout troop to do some site clearing.
- Grant: There is an ordinance in place requiring the Township to proceed with the grant. The survey and appraisal are part of the application.

Mansfield Park Sign: Posts for the plaque need to be braised.

Highlands: A meeting of the Highlands Committee is planned for January 29, seeking input from each municipality for a state report. Properties in Mansfield unable to expand their facilities include Borealis. Land owners are unable to build.

Karrsville School House: Note cards with a photo of the school house are being printed.

Minutes: Mr. Todd moved to approve the minutes of the December 16, 2014 meeting, seconded by Mr. Parks; all in favor.

Adjournment: Motion by Mr. Todd to adjourn at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth A. Pante, Clerk

Next meeting date: February 17, 2015