

April 18, 2017

The April 18, 2017 meeting of the Mansfield Township Open Space Committee was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chair James Watters, followed by a pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Present: James Watters, Andy Parke, Glenn Todd, Ron Hayes
Excused: Carren Thomas, Matt Wielgus
Guests: Roberta Kugelmeyer, Township Committeeman Michael Misertino

Minutes

It was MOVED by Mr. Todd to accept and approve the minutes of the March 21, 2017 meeting, seconded by Mr. Parke. All in favor.

Copies of historical maps of Indian Habitations in Warren and Hunterdon Counties and a very old map of Port Murray and surrounding area were distributed to members present. The 1917 book that goes with the Indian Habitations map will be copied and distributed also.

Mount Bethel Church

The electricians have wired in the panel; inspection will be done soon and JCP&L will come to hook up. The tainted soil is to be removed by Stone Hill; the construction trucks should be diverted from ground not sufficiently stable to support them. Six loads of certified fill will be delivered once the DEP approves. Mr. Watters will arrange for CLAP participants to clear the cemetery; this must be done through the Township. Projects must be planned for the CLAP workers.

Karrsville School House

The school house is now a storage facility for Mount Bethel Church items, so Dennis Dillon is unable to work there now.

Beattystown Mill

A tour of the mill is tentatively set for May, and a Sunday afternoon has been suggested. Mr. Parke will contact Dr. Fitzpatrick. Open Space Committee members and spouses are invited.

Recreation

The tennis courts at Kensington and below the Municipal Building are proposed for conversion to basketball courts. Repairing or replacing backboards must be decided; Open Space money is no longer available.

Discussion

Mr. Parke reminded members of the History Expo on Saturday, April 22, at the Masonic Lodge, Rt. 31.

Mr. Misertino opened a discussion about wrought iron or aluminum fencing at the Mount Bethel Church; he would like to see the fencing completed. Several aluminum sections can be repaired by volunteers.

It was MOVED by Mr. Hayes to adjourn at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth A. Pante, Clerk

Next meeting date:
May 16, 2017