

July 17, 2017

The July 17, 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: Andrew Parke, Matthew Weilgus, Richard Rosenblum, Carren Thomas, James Watters, Glenn Todd and Mansfield Township Mayor Joseph Watters

Minutes

It was MOVED by Ms. Thomas to approve the minutes of June 20, 2017, seconded by Mr. Parke; all in favor

- Mr. Watters has been invited to join the Warren County for Farmland Preservation.
- Mr. Parke shared a photo of the slave house on Rt. 57. Shackles remain hanging from the walls. He also shared photos that were left anonymously at the Mt. Bethel Church. Also, a photo of Brick Yard that closed in the 1970s and was subsequently sold to Pyronics; their facility blew up. Also, the one room school house in Port Murray, across from the Road Department facility. Much history is here, needs to be preserved. This house was torn down to make a 2-room school house.
- Mt. Bethel Church: The furnace runs and the lights work in the basement. New breaker box on order. A 185 Ft. well was in place, a new well pump replacement will be made. Jim McMekin will service the furnace as a volunteer. Nothing has been heard from Margolis. Nothing yet about the gutter which may have had some snow damage. The fence line needs to be cleaned up.
- The Karrsville School House is now being used as a storage facility. There is only one door which is a safety problem. Members discussed what to do with the building.
- The Township has approved two basketball courts at Kensington at a cost of approximately \$16,000 for the materials; the Road Department will be doing the work.
- The bluebird houses in Cafferata Park are in disrepair. Boxes should be repaired and brought up to standard. Two benches will be put in place, both are being donated. Exercise stations are in disrepair.

No meeting will be held in August.

Motion to adjourn at 7:45

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth A. Pante, Clerk

**Next meeting date:
September 19, 2017**