

July 19, 2016

The July 19, 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 pledge of allegiance to the flag. Present were Andy Parke, Carren Thomas, Matthew Wielgus as well as Township Committeemen Joseph Watters and Township residents Glenn Todd and James Watters. Richard Rosenblum was excused; Brad Smith and Cindy Korczukowski were absent.

Minutes

It was MOVED by Mr. Rosenblum to accept and approve the minutes of the June 21, 2016 meeting, seconded by Mr. Wielgus. All in favor.

Correspondence: none.

Mt. Bethel Church

- The work at the Mt. Bethel Church is done; the goals have been met and the interior of the church has been cleaned up. Mold is going away, probably because of the roof.
- Joseph Watters called the Township Clerk regarding filling the hole at the back of the church. The architect must check and give his response. Fill dirt is available from the Cafferata Park.
- Possible expansion of the cemetery was discussed; there is plenty of property but trees must be cleared. The free man cemetery is on the right of the church. There are many grave stones that must be repaired and repositioned. The fence line will be spread to mark the line. Fence replacement or repair as necessary. The Township Clerk will be contacted regarding use of the lawn mower at the church.
- Parking Spaces will be worked on. Black top at front of church.
- A suitable venue has been found for the concert; a tentative date for this fund raiser needs to be confirmed.
- The grant application has been submitted, probably will be reviewed in September. Site tour the end of August but cleanup is necessary first.
- The non-profit subcommittee held their second meeting and elected a slate of officers: Andy Parke, President; Matt Weilgus, Vice President; Linda Watters, Secretary/Treasurer. Stan Zebrowski has prepared the mission statement and is working on the By Laws. An atmosphere of cooperation and cordiality exists.

Karrsville School House: Nothing to report at this time.

Site of Hazen Road Train Wreck/Mansfield history

- The son of John General wants to do a project at the site of the train wreck at Hazen Road, will do a documentary when cleaned up.
- Joseph Watters suggested collecting an audio-video history of the Township and suggested a meeting with Matt Weilgus to interview Bob Candler, Louis Donaldson, Jim “Buddy” Allen and Marie Ackerman.

General Discussion

- The catch basin on Allen Road has a large hole and is a safety hazard.

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth A. Pante, Clerk

Next meeting date:

August 16, 2016
