

The September 19, 2017 meeting of the Mansfield Township Open Space Committee was called to order by Chair James Watters at 7:05 p.m. followed by a pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Present: James Watters, Andy Parke, Matt Weilgus, Carren Thomas, Glenn Todd and Township Committeeman Ron Hayes. Also present was Roberta Kugelmeyer.

Mr. Parke MOVED to approve the minutes of the July 19, 2017 meeting, seconded by Mr. Weilgus; all in favor. No meeting was held in August.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

OLD BUSINESS

Mt. Bethel Church

Mr. Parke reported the gutter has been repaired; this was under warranty and was fixed without charge. On September 21 John Dorsch will work on lights in the basement, add outlets and upgrade all wiring that does not meet code. Ms. Thomas asked who is mowing the grounds, and it is the Road Department; spraying is ongoing; no work will be done on the fencing this year.

Rita and Stephen Love have been very busy; Stephen said he cannot do a concert this year as he is working in upstate New York. They will return to Mexico in October.

The grant money for the next phase is in our hands, waiting for Michael Margolis to complete his report. Mr. Margolis' drawings are at the Municipal Building. A meeting was held with the architect, Mayor Joseph Watters and Township Clerk Dena Hrebenak. There is currently a bat problem at the church.

Discussion

Carren Thomas, Mansfield's representative to the Municipal Charities Committee, toured needy buildings in Warren County. She shared the Committee's preservation plans and control of funds.

Mr. Hayes reported the Recreation Department and the DPW are in the process of converting the tennis courts in Kensington; sealer will be applied in the next few weeks. Mr. Hayes is in contact with the Warren County Planning Department. A bus tour of the Morris Canal is planned for September 23; the tour will start at Cafferata Park with Port Murray as the first stop.

Ms. Kugelmeyer shared with members that her church in Washington has a date of October 29 on which improvement projects are to be done between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Volunteers are being sought to help and projects can be added to the list. Ms. Thomas reminded members of the grave stones that need restoring at Mt. Bethel Church. This possibility will be discussed with the Township Clerk.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth A. Pante

**Next meeting date:
October 17, 2017**