

November 21, 2017

The November 21, 2017 meeting of the Open Space Committee, held at the Beattystown Mill at the invitation of Marylu Fitzpatrick, Shane Fitzpatrick's mother, was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chair Jim Watters followed by a pledge of allegiance to the flag. Ms. Fitzpatrick invited members to tour the Mill. Present were James Watters, Andy Parke, Carren Thomas, Glenn Todd, Mr. and Mrs. Zebrowski, Stephen Love, Richard Rosenblum, Clerk Ruth Pante.

Minutes No corrections were noted. It was MOVED by Mr. Parke to approve, seconded by Mr. Todd; so moved.

Correspondence: none

Old Business

Bids for the Mount Bethel Church have not been done, the deadline is end of the month. Mr. Watters suggests no cement work begin until spring. After inspecting the damaged wall in the cemetery, it looks like mortar deterioration. Mr. Watters said the Township Clerk has not received a response to a request for CLAP workers to help with the work. Police have not erected the camera, Mr. Watters will check. In front of the church is a wreath of flowers, delivered perhaps for an intended grave site. The electricity service is all new. The type of lighting was questioned, the architect will be questioned as outdoor lighting, possibly lamp posts, was questioned to add safety to the area, previously the top four corners of the building had lights. John Dorsch, John Feller, Jim Watters and Andy Parke are the volunteer electricians. Planned for outside work in 2018 include windows repointing and doors, then apply for another county grant to begin inside work. It was agreed to request for more money next time. However, repairs to the wall remain a priority for now. The parking lot fill was removed, nothing else to do now. Two ultrasonic detractors are in place, but the bats are already hibernating.

New Business

Mr. Hayes has been in touch with the Morris Canal Society, they have offered a kiosk at the Port Murray Dairy site. Mr. Parke shared photos and newspaper articles about the dairy. The County will erect the kiosk, we must put contents in place. The dairy closed in 1972; at that time no milk was coming in because local farmers were selling their farms.

Remarks

Thanks were offered to Marylu Fitzpatrick for hosting this meeting and for the tour of the mill. She drives back and forth to her home in Pittsburgh but promised to keep in touch.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth A. Pante, Clerk