

January 19, 2016

The January 19, 2016 meeting of the Mansfield Township Open Space Committee commenced at 7:00 p.m. with reorganization of the Committee. Present were Glenn Todd, Andy Parke, Richard Rosenblum, Matt Wielgus, Brad Smith and Carren Thomas. Also present were Township Committee members Cindy Korczukowski and Joseph Watters. In the audience were James Watters, Scott Reyes, Roberta Kugelmeyer, Scott Minter and Elizabeth Griggs. The meeting began with a pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Ms. Thomas nominated Mr. Parke as Chair, seconded by Mr. Todd. Mr. Parke accepted. Mr. Parke nominated Mr. Todd as Vice Chair, seconded by Ms. Thomas. All in favor.

MINUTES

It was noted in Park discussion in the November 17, 2015 minutes that "Joe and Tim Terry offered ..." which should be corrected to remove "Joe and". In the December 15, 2015 minutes it should be noted that Rita and Stephen Love are in Mexico, not Florida. Ms. Thomas MOVED to approve the minutes as amended, seconded by Mr. Rosenblum. All in favor.

Mt. Bethel Church

The confirmation of non-profit status has been received from the IRS Department of the Treasury in the name of "Friends Preserving Mansfield's Past".

Joseph Watters reported the Township Committee is moving along on the roof repair; bids have been received in the range of \$103,000 to \$250,000. Discussion followed. Awaiting award of the bid. Mr. Smith suggested an RFP for the mold remediation be prepared soon so work can begin promptly. One year ago the estimate for the remediation was \$15,000.

The Committee will have to decide if application will be made in April to Municipal Charities when application can be made; it should contain a list of current needs. Another video presentation will be required.

When the current grant money is exhausted for roof repair, it was explained the mold remediation will be a second phase; the next step will be application for another grant for repair of windows, doors, ceilings. Two years is allowed to spend the remaining funds, with an extension possible beyond that. Ms. Kugelmeyer asked if anything is being done about the pews offered by a church in Independence, Mr. Parke explained storage will be needed for them because roof repair must first be completed.

The Township Committee approved four people to cut dead wood on the church property. A question arose whether there is Highlands impact on tree pruning, and that is unknown.

Karrsville School House

A Mansfield teacher has requested the opportunity to bring her class to tour the school, possibly in April. This will need approval from the Township Clerk. The school has become a storage area for the school and for the Mt. Bethel Church; it must be cleared.

Cafferata Park

The sign remains incomplete.

Ms. Korczukowski introduced Scott Reyes who represents Warren Hills Youth Baseball Association (“WHYBA”) which serves youth baseball for all five sending townships in the Warren Hills District. WHYBA has identified the need for a lighted field, and Cafferata Park offers opportunity for an adjustable baseball field for youths ranging from 7 to 18 years old. Musco Lighting has lights and can do the job. Ms. Korczukowski reported this was presented to the Township Committee, and permission was granted to present this opportunity to other committees. Mr. Reyes was invited to return with a more comprehensive report.

Committee Business

James Watters, who was not reappointed to the Open Space Committee by the Mayor, offered thanks for support during his tenure; Ms. Thomas commended him for his efforts. A discussion followed why Mr. Smith has been appointed as a farm or agriculture representative since his field is forestry. Joseph Watters believes Jim Watters, a Mansfield farmer, should be the agriculture representative. Mr. Parke suggested making a recommendation to the Township Committee that James Watters be re-appointed to the Open Space Committee. Ms. Korczukowski will approach the Township Committee at the next meeting.

It was MOVED by Mr. Todd to adjourn at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth A. Pante, Clerk

**Next meeting date:
February 16, 2016**