

March 21, 2017

The March 21, 2017 meeting of the Mansfield Township Open Space Committee was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chair Jim Watters, followed by a pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Present: Jim Watters, Carren Thomas, Glenn Todd, Andy Parke, Matt Weilgus, Richard Rosenthal, Ron Hayes

Guest: Roberta Kugelmeyer

### Minutes

Necessary corrections to the February 21, 2017 minutes include deleting a sentence incorrectly attributed to Mr. Hayes that he will "call and check the cost" of removing fill at the Mt. Bethel Church. It was also incorrectly reported that the architect wants \$3,000 to prepare a plan for the church; the correct amount is \$30,000. It was MOVED by Ms. Thomas to accept and approve the minutes of the February 21, 2017 meeting as amended, seconded by Mr. Parke. All in favor with three abstentions.

Mr. Hayes MOVED to accept and approve the minutes of the January 17, 2017 meeting, seconded by Mr. Rosenthal. All in favor with two abstentions.

### Mt. Bethel Church

Mr. Parke said the electrical wires at the church have been pulled, they must now be hooked up to the electrical panel before calling for an inspection. Mr. Hayes reported the Township is trying to find a place that will accept the unwanted soil. Drew DeSessa identifies this as solid waste, so perhaps it can be sent to the landfill. Mr. Watters believes the trucker, Cooper Paving, delivered approximately nine loads of imperfect fill and will take it away, but it must be disposed of through proper channels. Because of the recent bad weather, it may be necessary to request an extension to the 30-day window for compliance. Drew DeSessa will arrange for someone to supervise the project. Many inspections are required by the county, township etc. and documentation is required. Mr. Watters said the next issue to be addressed is lead.

Preservation plan: Mr. Parke said Mr. Corey Tierney, Director of the Warren County Department of Land Preservation, believes we do not need a plan. Ms. Thomas will ask advice from Dennis Bertland. Mr. Margulies should not be offended by our actions; his prior work was paid as a flat fee, and that money came out of the grant. Mr. Margulies can do a scope of work and if the work is not needed, we can hire him as project manager. Ms. Thomas reminded this is county; if we have a state grant an architect may be required, so we should keep Mr. Margulies as part of this project, and Mr. Hayes noted it is wise to have someone in an advisory position.

Mr. Watters believes CLAP (Corrections workers) can do cleanup in the cemetery. The brush piles can be done.

Cafferata Park

Mr. Parke said the sign is in place.

Karrsville School House

In limbo at this time, waiting for the weather to improve.

Beattystown Mill

Mr. Parke offered a map of Indian villages in Warren County that was shared by Dr. Fitzpatrick who was unable to attend this meeting; several copies were distributed. A tour of the Mill will be scheduled in May.

Recreation

A request has been made by the Recreation Department to use Open Space money for repairs to the basketball courts.

Mr. Park reported that April 22 there will be a historic expo at the Masonic Lodge on Rt. 31, Washington, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. hosted by the Warren County Historical Society, and the Musconetcong Watershed Association will participate.

It was MOVED to adjourn at 7:50 p.m. by Mr. Parke.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth A. Pante, Clerk

**Next meeting date:  
April 18, 2017**