

February 16, 2016

The February 16, 2016 meeting of the Mansfield Township Open Space Committee was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chair Andy Parke. Present were Glenn Todd, Carren Thomas, Andy Parke, James Watters, Matt Wielgus, Brad Smith, Richard Rosenblum, Joseph Watters, Cindy Korczukowski; in the audience were Mayor Shirley Kocher, Elizabeth Griggs, Scott Minter and Roberta Kugelmeyer. The meeting began with a pledge of allegiance to the flag.

### Minutes

It was MOVED by Mr. Todd to accept and approve the minutes of the January 19, 2016 meeting, seconded by Ms. Thomas. All in favor.

### Correspondence

On March 18, 2016 there will be a Future of Land Conservation: The Next 20 Years seminar and workshops in Trenton.

### Mt. Bethel Church

Several people have volunteered to do fence repair when the weather is warmer.

Someone outside of Mansfield Township has asked how to make a donation to the church repairs; all funds must go to the non-profit "Friends Preserving Mansfield's Past" and can be sent to the Mansfield Township Clerk. A Resolution is needed; Ms. Korczukowski will speak with the Clerk.

Mr. Smith questioned who is managing the contract and pointed to a need for developing a project schedule. Funding is in place for the roof, what is next? Ms. Thomas commented there are many delays with the attorney, Township Committee, weather, etc. The bid has been awarded, and it is her understanding the architect is in charge. Mr. Smith is concerned with the management of the project. Ms. Korczukowski asked about a timeline breakdown, we do not know when the contractor will start. Mr. Smith suggested the Township Clerk can e-mail reports to everyone.

Mr. Smith planned a telephone conference with the architect for 7:30 p.m.; however, Joseph Watters wants to have a copy of the contract to review during such a conference.

Asked how the clearing at the site is progressing, Mr. Parke reported three people must sign release forms to begin cutting the many trees already on the ground. Mr. Smith reminded a DEP permit is required to remove trees. In discussion, Ms. Griggs related her experience requiring DEP approval. Mr. Todd wants to donate two bluebird houses for use at the cemetery; members approved.

Mr. Smith is aware of more state grants that are available. Ms. Thomas expects an application to the Municipal and Charitable Conservancy Trust Fund Committee because the Governor and other groups have cut back dramatically on their grant funding.

Discussing the planned concert, all efforts await the return of Stephen and Rita Love in the spring. The non-profit papers are now in place.

Karrsville School House

Winter weather has been the hold on progress; restoration will resume in the spring.

Old Business

At the January 19, 2016 meeting Mr. Todd questioned Mayor Kocher for a response to the removal of James Watters from this Committee; Mayor Kocher said she will only respond to him privately.

It was MOVED by Mr. Todd to adjourn at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth A. Pante

**Next meeting:  
March 15, 2016**