

February 20, 2018

No meeting of the Open Space Committee was held in January.

The February 20, 2018 meeting of the Open Space Committee was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Chair Jim Watters, followed by a pledge of allegiance to the flag. Present were Carren Thomas, Ron Hayes, Robert Jewell, Andy Parke, Richard Rosenblum, Matt Wielgus, Glenn Todd and Jim Watters.

Minutes

The minutes of the November meeting were reviewed and it was MOVED by Mr. Parke to accept and approve, seconded by Mr. Todd. All in favor with two abstentions.

Reorganization

Mr. Parke nominated Mr. Watters as Chair, seconded by Ms. Thomas; all in favor. Mr. Watters nominated Mr. Parke as Vice Chair, seconded by Mr. Todd; all in favor. Mr. Watters welcomed Mr. Jewell who was appointed as liaison representative from the Environmental Commission.

Unfinished Business: none

Mt. Bethel Church

The Township Committee has hired Gregory Boyd Contracting to work at the church. The Township Committee decided to put out a rebid for pointing, masonry, etc. CLAP workers can do the painting. CLAP workers have been clearing the brush which will save money. Grant money comes from Municipal Charities for this work. Mold remediation remains unchanged. Asked about the deteriorating wall which now seems in worse shape, Mr. Parke believes the wall must be removed and replaced because the foundation is inadequate foundation; using the same stones will preserve the appearance. Ms. Thomas asked if the security camera is in place; Mr. Hayes offered to find out. Mr. Parke said someone has volunteered to exterminate the bats at no charge.

Cafferata Park

A presentation was made to the Township Committee by the County confirming an offer to construct and erect the kiosk, no charge. One kiosk will be in the park and one is for the pheasant farm; both are 4 ft. x 3 ft.

Discussion

Mr. Hayes said two basketball courts are up in Kensington, already in use.

Upcoming events include an Open House at the Van Nest-Hoff-Vannatta Farmstead on April 28 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. On June 9 there will be a Warren County ParkFest at Bread Lock Park in Stewartsville from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Members discussed preservation projects in the County.

Planning has begun for a car show in late August, Mr. Parke has been talking with the organizer of the Cops 'n Rodders held every summer at Wendy's in Hackettstown. Dr. Fitzpatrick owned a vintage Ford Falcon, and his estate is planning to auction it off with the proceeds going to Sloan Kettering.

Mr. Hayes reported the status of the Port Murray Creamery is in the hands of the state
Permission is being sought to tear it down.

Mr. Hayes MOVED to adjourn at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth A. Pante

Next meeting date:
March 18, 2018