

Historical Commission of Birmingham Township
Minutes of the meeting of July 25, 2017

The regular meeting of the Birmingham Township Historical Committee was called to order by Chairperson Carla Westerman at 7:58 pm in the township building.

PRESENT: HC Members: Mike Forbes, Carla Westerman, Nancy Needham, Kate Marshall, Matt Bedwell

ABSENT:

Others present: John Conklin, Mary DeNadai

Mr. Conklin had a brief discussion with the Committee providing guidance. He also discussed the upcoming 2017 reenactment and the need for volunteers to assist with the event in order to make it successful again. They have decided to hire professionals to handle the parking aspect this time.

Ms. Needham made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 23, 2017 meeting. Ms. Marshall seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Report on the Town Tour on July 6, 2017

Ms. Westerman stated that although Birmingham had never participated in the town tours before, she thought that the synergy between Birmingham township and Thornbury township was very good. There were about 30 volunteers from Birmingham township. Randall Spackman from Thornbury provided the use of his farm and hosted the refreshments. The glitch was that it started to rain early in the day. Karen Marshall gave Ms. Westerman the option to postpone the event. However, it was decided to just proceed. It was a good event in spite of the rain. 165 people attended. Discussion ensued about whether to use the monies that Chester County Historical Society has offered for reimbursement of any costs. It could be used to pay for the police presence or should that come out of the HC budget? The consensus is to just take the money out of the HC budget.

Update on HR criteria and presentation to the BOS in September

Discussion ensued about how best to present this to the BOS in September. It was decided to talk about the process, how the criteria were arrived, dates of the township tours. Ms. DeNadia suggested making a three-ring binder with photographs of each property, the list of historic resources in the township, show these HRs on a township map in order to identify the ones outside of the HARB district. Mr. Bedwell suggested adding a column or something on the spreadsheet indicating if the property is located within the existing HARB district. Mary is willing to pick out one property out of the entire list that will exemplify each of the Building Periods represented in the list.

The group agreed on a date for a work session in order to complete this part of the presentation. The goal is to provide this information to the BOS ahead of the September meeting in order to give them time to review it before the presentation.

Mr. Forbes made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:44m. Seconded by Mr. Bedwell and voted unanimously. The next meeting will be August 22, 2017 at 7:15pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Jennifer Boorse
HC Secretary