

**Historical Commission of Birmingham Township  
Minutes of the meeting of June 25, 2019**

The regular meeting of the Birmingham Township Historical Committee was called to order by Chairperson, Mike Forbes at **7:20 pm** in the township building.

PRESENT: HC Members: Matt Bedwell, Mike Forbes, Jeff Janofsky, John Ponticello

ABSENT: Kelly Fleming

Others present:

Mr. Forbes made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 28, 2019 meeting. Mr. Janofsky seconded the motion and it passed with one abstention (John Ponticello was not at the May meeting).

**Review status and next steps of Vision Partnership Program (VPP) Application**

Mr. Forbes and Mr. Janofsky have been working with Sheila Fleming to finalize the application for the Vision Partnership Program. She has been in contact with the other municipalities that are participating. Mr. Dan Hill (BOS) has signed the required letter from the township in order to participate in the program.

Ms. Karen Marshall has included some information for the consultant to review the potential locations for the evaluation of the Heritage Center. There was also some discussion of acquisition of potential open space to be acquired by the Brandywine Conservancy.

The project is currently at the grant approval process. The grant decision should be made by September.

**New Business**

Mary DeNadai is in attendance tonight to get an update on the status of the proposed ordinance changes and the new list of proposed historical resources within the township. Ms. DeNadai has spoken with members of the community (a potential buyer of Hawthorne Lodge and also Cory Kegerise) recently and she couldn't provide them with any update on the ordinance changes.

Mr. Forbes provided a summary of when the information was presented to the BOS in November of 2017 and has not really had any feedback from the BOS on that presentation. Mr. Forbes will send a request to the BOS for an update of where it is at this point. Ms. DeNadai is also going to write a letter to the BOS to see where they are in making a decision on the proposed ordinance and if she can help them move forward with it.

Mr. and Mrs. Doug Marshall are here to discuss the Pratap Kesarkar/Dilworthtown Community issue. Mr. Forbes summarized the steps that occurred including the fact that the HC is only a recommending committee and that a recommendation was made to the BOS and the BOS made a different decision at the time that the demolition was discussed at their meeting. Mr. Forbes indicated that the applicant for the subdivision has been before the HC recently to present their landscape plan and the HRIS due to the close proximity to Mr. Kesarkar's house. Beyond this summarization of information, Mr. Forbes has nothing additional to add at this point due to the impending lawsuit.

Mr. Forbes made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:44pm. Seconded by Mr. Janofsky and voted unanimously. The next meeting will be July 23, 2019 at 7:15pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jennifer Boorse  
HC Secretary