Historical Commission of Birmingham Township Minutes of the meeting of July 28, 2020

The regular meeting of the Birmingham Township Historical Committee was called to order by Vice Chairperson, Kelly Fleming at **7:13pm** via Zoom.

PRESENT: HC Members: Kelly Fleming, Mike Forbes, John Ponticello, Matt Bedwell

ABSENT:

Others present: Dan Hill, Doug Marshall

Ms. Fleming made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 25, 2020 meeting. Mr. Forbes seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Application for Roof repair on (HR#18) 1001 Meetinghouse Road (Doug and Kate Marshall)

The applicant sent notification letters to all neighbors within 500' of the proposed application. The letters were sent to 8 neighbors via return receipt certified mail. The notices were sent on July 14, 2020. They have currently only received two of the receipts back – but apparently the USPS is experiencing delays with certified letters.

Mr. Marshall is in attendance to present their project application. They are planning to repair their metal standing seam roof with copper because metal can't be painted so they will allow the copper to naturally color. Ms. Fleming confirms that the applicant has already applied for a permit. He also notes that they are planning to put a copper cap on the top of the roof on the main house and the milk house. These additional copper caps are maintenance items too.

This application has already gone to HARB and received HARB approval last Tuesday (July 21, 2020).

Ms. Fleming answered the questions on the required HC form next with feedback from both the applicant and the HC members.

Ms. Fleming made a motion to recommend approval of the application dated July 8, 2020 to repair the standing seam roof and install copper roof caps on the other building roofs at 1001 Meetinghouse Road. Seconded by Mr. Bedwell and passed unanimously.

New Business

Mr. Bedwell asked for an update on the Vision Partnership Program. He has reached out to Karen Marshall and she was going to touch base with Jeanne. Matt has not heard back yet. He will follow up.

Ms. Fleming said that Birmingham Township has decided to hold on the Historical Marker signage project until plans are confirmed for Birmingham Hill and it is determined the best place to locate the sign. Ms. Fleming indicated that the Brandywine Battlefield Taskforce had a meeting recently. She has reached out to Karen Marshall to make sure that the township will not lose the grant funding for their Historical Markers in the meantime.

Ms. Fleming made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:33pm. Seconded by Mr. Ponticello and voted unanimously. The next meeting will be August 25, 2020 at 7:15pm via Zoom.

Respectfully submitted, Jennifer Boorse HC Secretary