

**Historical Commission of Birmingham Township
Minutes of the meeting of November 24, 2020**

The regular meeting of the Birmingham Township Historical Committee was called to order by Chairperson, Mike Forbes at **7:22pm** via Zoom.

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

ABSENT: Matt Bedwell

Others present:

Mr. Forbes made a motion to approve the minutes from the October 27, 2020 meeting. Ms. Fleming seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Update from the November BOS meeting

Mr. Forbes provided an update from the presentation at the November BOS meeting regarding the interpretative sites and the heritage center project. The BOS informally agreed with the direction the HC is taking, but until such time that the new owners of the Dilworthtown Inn are contacted, no formal decision or action can be taken. The next step is to take the idea to the new owners and see what they think about having a heritage center in Dilworthtown proper. Mr. Shirring was going to contact them.

New Business

Ms. Fleming attended the Brandywine Battlefield Taskforce meeting and provided a brief update. At the meeting Jeanne Speirs presented the new southern battlefield plans they have been working on. They are unveiling these at the December meeting. Kelly has a link that she can share via email with the HC group. There is an enormous amount of detail in the plan. Additionally, Cliff Parker made a presentation about how he maps the roads and property owners from 1777. There is a Chester County story map link floating around on social media. There is information about the status of each of the properties as to whether they were plundered or not. They also talked about a plan that Chadds Ford township has to link the Battlefield Park to the Chadds Ford Historical Society through a trail system to make it a more walkable historic area. They also talked about the new Brinton Run Preserve in Chadds Ford township.

Ms. Fleming asked Mr. Forbes if anything transpired from the emails they traded back and forth about the proposed Brandywine Battlefield interpretative Marker sign language that Andrew Outten had proposed. Mr. Forbes was supposed to meet with Randall Spackman, Karen Marshall and Andrew Outten. Mr. Forbes indicated that he only received feedback from Randall that he thought they were good updates for the signage.

There was a brief discussion about canceling the December meeting. Mr. Forbes made a motion to cancel the December HC meeting. Seconded by Mr. Ponticello and passed unanimously.

Mr. Ponticello asked if there are any potential volunteers to fill the current vacancy on the Historical Commission. He spoke with someone on election day who may be interested and will reach out to her about completing the interest form on the township website.

Mr. Forbes made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:32pm. Seconded by Ms. Fleming and voted unanimously. The next meeting will be January 26, 2021 at 7:15pm (via Zoom).

Respectfully submitted,
Jennifer Boorse
HC Secretary