

Historical Commission of Birmingham Township
Minutes of the meeting of July 26, 2022

The regular meeting of the Birmingham Township Historical Committee was called to order by the Chairperson, Mike Forbes at **7:01pm** in the township building.

PRESENT: HC Members: Mike Forbes, Pat Kelly, John Ponticello, Matt Bedwell (via phone)

ABSENT: Kelly Fleming

Others present: Dan Hill (BOS liaison), Anthony Demeglio (contractor), Jeff Renzi (homeowner)

Agenda Items

Mr. Forbes stated that since the Agenda was not posted 24 hours prior to the meeting tonight, the items to be discussed on the Agenda for this evening must be announced publicly. He read through the agenda. Mr. Ponticello seconded this motion and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Forbes made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 28, 2022 meeting. Ms. Kelly seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Review Application for renovation of 1315 Lenape Road (HR#1)

Mr. Demeglio, stated that the house was built in 1715. There is an addition that is 25 years old. Last year, Hurricane Ida flooded the entire basement and four more feet of water on the first floor. The house sat for almost a year and mold grew. They demolished all the flooded and rotted portions of the building and now want to restore it to what the original building used to be. The floor on the historic side had collapsed from the flooding and thus the house was condemned. They hired an engineer to assess the damage and the extent of the necessary repairs. The restoration will include drywall, electrical, building a new floor and painting. They are not looking to change the exterior as it was not damaged due to Hurricane Ida. The exterior is a fieldstone foundation that was covered in stucco years ago. Mr. Demeglio noted this renovation is an interior restoration/renovation as can be seen by the plans and the application.

They provided proof of the required neighbor notifications that were sent out to properties within 500 feet of the Historic Resource. They sent out four letters. There is one neighbor in attendance this evening just happy to see that it is being renovated and wanted to hear what the exact plans are.

Mr. Forbes completed the required Form during the meeting.

Mr. Renzi asked for clarification of the next steps, wondering when they would receive approved permits to begin the work. Mr. Forbes stated that the next step will be for them to attend the Board of Supervisors meeting on Monday, August 1, 2022. At that time, they can inquire when they will receive approved permits.

Mr. Forbes made a motion to recommend that the BOS approve the application submitted for demolition and renovation of the property located at 1315 Lenape Road, Historic Resource #1. Mr. Ponticello seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

New Business

Mr. Forbes confirmed that all the committee members had received Ms. Flemings emails about the coordination of shipping charges for the signs for Newlin township and Birmingham township. This effort will reduce the amount that Birmingham township will be overbudget on this project.

Mr. Ponticello asked if there has been any progress on the Ordinance update? Mr. Hill stated that they are still reviewing the feedback from both the county and the residents. He expects this to move forward in the Fall.

Mr. Forbes made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:23pm. Seconded by Mr. Ponticello and voted unanimously. The next meeting will be August 23, 2022 at 7:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Jennifer Boorse
HC Secretary