

Historical Commission of Birmingham Township
Minutes of the meeting of April 25, 2023

The regular meeting of the Birmingham Township Historical Committee was called to order by the Chairperson, Mike Forbes at **7:00pm** in the township building.

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

ABSENT: Matt Bedwell

Others present: Dan Hill

Mr. Forbes made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 28th meeting as amended. Mr. Ponticello seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Sign Dedication for Birmingham Hill (4/26/2023)

Ms. Fleming stated that the sign dedication event should be 45 minutes in length. There are approximately 20 RSVP's thus far. Ms. Fleming will start the event and then turn it over to Dan Hill. Cuyler Walker is attending in place of Stephanie Armpriester as the Brandywine Conservancy representative. Peter Adams from the Sons of the American Revolution is unable to attend due to a previous commitment. Jeannine Speirs will discuss the entire battlefield heritage plan. Mr. Forbes will discuss the battle history of Birmingham Hill and Sandy Hollow. Lastly will be the unveiling of the sign by the Birmingham Township Supervisors. Photos will occur prior to the unveiling and afterwards.

New Business

Mr. Forbes asked for an update on when the ordinance will be posted for comments/review. He stated that according to Quina it should be on the agenda for the June BOS meeting. Mr. Forbes asked exactly what the process will be. Mr. Hill noted that Kristin Camp was consolidating all the comments into the final version to be posted for public review for at least two weeks prior to the BOS meeting when it will be discussed. After the BOS meeting, Mr. Hill believes that the ordinance will go back to the BT Planning Commission and the Chester County Planning Commission for their input also.

Mr. Forbes stated that there are two goals for this year: (1) to get back to discussing a plan for developing the google drive further and (2) developing the compendium of outside sources that historic resource owners can access in reference to their homes. Ms. Kelly noted that she did start looking into the resource project – she spoke with a couple of people about places to get information on grants. She hopes to have an update after she speaks with the contacts she left messages for. Mr. Forbes wants these two projects to eventually be available on the township website for homeowners to access – but the privacy issues will need to be addressed before this can happen. Discussion ensued about the many issues that need to be considered with regard to: the township office having access, the potential pricing of having this information on the website, and who will be responsible for maintaining the accuracy of the information. Mr. Forbes just wants these projects to be on everyone's minds as goals for this year.

Mr. Forbes made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:38pm. Seconded by Ms. Kelly and voted unanimously. The next meeting will be May 23, 2023 at 7:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Jennifer Boorse
HC Secretary