Historical Commission of Birmingham Township Minutes of the meeting of June 27, 2023

The regular meeting of the Birmingham Township Historical Committee was called to order by the Chairperson, Mike Forbes at **7:02pm** in the township building.

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

ABSENT: Matt Bedwell, Pat Kelly

Others present:

Mr. Forbes made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 23, 2023 meeting. Mr. Ponticello seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Review Application for Maintenance of HR#27, 351 Knolls Rd (Davis Farmhouse)

There is no applicant or person representing the applicant in attendance this evening, so this item can not be discussed tonight.

Plan for review of the Historic Resources List for updating by August BOS meeting

Mr. Forbes wants to discuss updating the Historic Resources List before the July HC meeting so that it can be reviewed at that meeting and subsequently presented to the BOS at their August 7th meeting.

Ms. Fleming asked for clarification on what the BOS wants from this review. According to Mr. Forbes and his discussions with Kristin Camp, the township solicitor, they are looking for clarification on what exactly makes each resource historical and if it's just the house that is historical or whether the outbuildings or the actual site on which the buildings are located is historic too. The HC plans to make the list reflect whether the other buildings or the site on which the resource is located should be considered part of the historical designation.

The committee proceeded to go through each numbered resource and discuss if they, as a committee, need to get clarification on the resource. At the end of this line-by-line review, they have 17 resources that they need to investigate further to determine what is the exact historic resource – just the house, some of the outbuildings or the actual site. They decided to meet and drive around to look at these historic resources on Sunday, July 9th to get clarification on these 17 historic resources.

Next Steps in Planning for Maintenance of the Historic Resource Drive

Since Mr. Bedwell is not in attendance tonight, this item will be discussed at the meeting next month.

New Business

Mr. Forbes made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:16pm. Seconded by Ms. Fleming and voted unanimously. The next meeting will be July 25, 2023 at 7:00pm.

Respectfully submitted, Jennifer Boorse HC Secretary