

**Historical Commission of Birmingham Township
Minutes of the meeting of September 26, 2023**

The regular meeting of the Birmingham Township Historical Committee was called to order by the Chairperson, Mike Forbes at **7:06pm** in the township building.

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

ABSENT: Matt Bedwell

Others present: Dan Hill

Mr. Forbes made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 25, 2023 meeting. Ms. Fleming seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

America 250th Celebration Planning for Birmingham coordinating with the CCHPN

Mr. Forbes has attended two meetings on this planning committee, Kelly has attended one and Chuck Feld has also attended one. The CCHPN (Chester County Historic Preservation Network) is trying to utilize the Brandywine Battlefield TaskForce to get the localities involved. Mr. Forbes asked Mr. Hill if the BOS is aware of this or if any of the Supervisors are already involved in this planning process? Mr. Hill stated that he believes that Mr. Shirring is planning to take on this task. Mr. Forbes noted that he is happy to provide a brief synopsis of what he has learned from the meetings that he and Ms. Fleming have already attended. He also noted that in conversations with Stephanie Armpriester from the Brandywine Conservancy, they are contemplating having the reenactment for the 250th event on Birmingham Hill as opposed to Sandy Hollow. This would not be a perpetual occurrence – but simply a one-time event in honor of the 250th anniversary. Ms. Kelly asked for a date for this event. Mr. Forbes indicated that the 250th events will be in 2026, however the reenactment battle would be in 2027.

New Business

Ms. Fleming provided an update on the take-aways from the July meeting regarding the google drive. She had many communications with Matt Bedwell afterwards and she has been given full access to the google drive. Matt is planning to retain ownership of the BirminghamHC@gmail.com account. Ms. Fleming noted that in the past Mr. Bedwell used to put all applications that came to the HC into the google drive under the correct historical resource for tracking purposes. Ms. Fleming is going to go back through the applications from the past couple of years and attempt to enter them into the google drive. She'd like to have this done by the end of 2023 – time permitting.

Ms. Fleming has not created the google form for the office to complete yet. She was not certain if that was going to be done now, or when the ordinance is finally adopted. Mr. Forbes thinks it would be good to start that process now. Discussion ensued about the process. Ms. Fleming is going to draft a process by which the information will be communicated from the office to the HC and get input from the rest of the HC members.

Mr. Forbes stated that the public meeting to discuss the revised HC ordinance will be November 6, 2023 and it would be good for the HC members to plan to attend that BOS meeting.

Mr. Forbes made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:24pm. Seconded by Ms. Fleming and voted unanimously. The next meeting will be October 24, 2023 at 7:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Jennifer Boorse

Birmingham Township List of Historic Resources

Recommended Changes 7-25-2023 Updated

HR#	Tax Parcel	Historic Resource	Change
9	6501 00010000	Fernbank Farm	House only
10	6502 00020000	Osborn Hill	House & Barn Only, not pool house
14	6504 00040300	Daniel Davis House	House & Barn Only, not shed
15	6504 00100200	Linden Jones Farm	House, Small Barn, Large Barn, Spring House
21		Orthodox Friends School	House Only
25	6504 00420000	Bennett-Beatty Farm	House, Spring House
27		Davis Farm	House, Spring House, Ruins
39	6504 00630000	Abramson House & Barn	House & Barn
41	6504 00960000	Edward Brinton 1726	House & Ruins
44	6504 00406200	Thos. Darlington House	House [Leave listing as is until site can be seen]
48	6504 00330000	Brandywine Farm	House Only
50	6505 00050400	Creek Road Farmhouse	House Only
57	6504 00360000	Darlington Farm	House & Stone Barn
61	6504 00390000	Firethorn Farm	House, Main Barn, Garage

63	6504 00210000	Wind O'Hill Farm	House & Main Barn [AKA Strawberry Fields]
72	6503 00140000	Townsend (Steele) Farm	House Only
73	6504 01000000	Townsend Tenant Farm	House & Spring House
