

Birmingham Township Planning Commission (BTPC)
Minutes of the meeting June 13, 2017

The regular meeting of the BTPC was called to order by Ms. McCarthy at 7:32pm in the township building.

PRESENT: Scott Garrison, Eric Hawkins, Dan Hill, Mary Pat McCarthy, Frone Crawford

ABSENT: Nick DiMarino

Also Present:

A motion to approve the minutes of the May 10, 2017 meeting was made by Scott Garrison and seconded by Dan Hill. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment: None

Bridge Rehabilitation project for Lenape Road over the Brandywine Creek

Frone Crawford, Esq. has a memorandum from PennDot dated May 12, 2017 and a letter from PennDot dated June 5, 2017 both regarding the rehabilitation of the Lenape Road Bridge over the Brandywine Creek. They are setting up an advisory council on historic preservation of the bridge. They are planning to structurally rehab the bridge but in essence maintain the same appearance. They are planning to change the turning radius to prevent future issues like the one that occurred with the tractor trailer earlier this year. Mr. Crawford states that the PC needs to make a recommendation to either participate in the advisory council or not. If it's the former than a recommendation needs to be made to the BOS.

Ms. McCarthy made a motion to recommend that the township participate as a member of the advisory council on the historic and aesthetic portion of the bridge rehabilitation project for the Lenape Bridge over the Brandywine Creek. Motion seconded by Scott Garrison and passed unanimously. According to Mr. Crawford since the same letters and information were sent to the BOS, the PC, the HC and HARB committees, the BOS can decide who to appoint as the member to represent Birmingham Township.

New Business:

Brief discussion of the cellular tower companies that are in public street right-of-way versus being placed on private property and how the PUC has responded to them. This is occurring in East Marlborough off of Baltimore Pike. These companies are also considering going to the FCC which will take it to a federal level and will preempt the entire field. Mr. Crawford will keep watch on this and report any further updates to the PC.

A new proposal will be coming before the PC in either August or September regarding a new Starbucks. They are currently going before the Zoning Hearing Board for parking issues and a variance which needs to be addressed before the Conditional Use can be reviewed.

Brief discussion ensued about whether an Ordinance is needed to address drones within the township. Mr. Hill notes that the FAA has passed a regulation regarding drones and it's fairly restrictive so it may not be necessary to have a specific township ordinance. Mr. Hawkins states that the ruling doesn't address any model type aircrafts or drones that are put together by

an individual. However, if it is to be used for any type of business purpose it will be addressed by the ruling and requires a license.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 7:53pm by Mary Pat McCarthy and seconded by Dan Hill and approved unanimously. Next meeting is scheduled for July 11, 2017.

Respectfully submitted,
Jennifer A. Boorse
Planning Commission Secretary