

**Birmingham Township Planning Commission (BTPC)**  
**Minutes of the meeting January 8, 2019**

The regular meeting of the BTPC was called to order by Ms. McCarthy at 7:30pm in the township building.

PRESENT: Nick DiMarino, Scott Garrison, Eric Hawkins, Mary Pat McCarthy, Christopher Nash

ABSENT: Frone Crawford, Esq.

Also present:

A motion to approve the minutes of the October 9, 2018 meeting was made by **Mr. DiMarino** and seconded by **Mr. Garrison**. Motion carried unanimously.

Please note that there was no Planning Commission meeting in either November or December of 2018.

**Organizational Meeting:**

There was brief discussion about the various committee positions for 2019.

Mr. Hawkins made a motion to nominate the Ms. McCarthy as the Chairperson. Mr. DiMarino seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Mr. DiMarino made a motion to nominate Mr. Nash as the Vice Chairperson. Mr. Hawkins seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Mr. DiMarino made a motion to nominate Mr. Garrison as the HARB liaison. Ms. McCarthy seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Mr. DiMarino made a motion to nominate Frone Crawford, Esq to continue as the solicitor for the Planning Commission. Ms. McCarthy seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Following is the PC slate for 2019:

Chairperson: Mary Pat McCarthy  
Vice Chairperson: Christopher Nash  
HARB liaison: Scott Garrison  
PC Solicitor: Frone Crawford, Esq.  
PC Secretary: Jennifer Boorse

**Recommendation on Chadds Ford Township, Comp Plan Amendment/Open Space Force Task Report**

Mr. DiMarino read the Chadds Ford Township Comprehensive Plan Amendment and Open Space Task Force Report. It is basically a ten-year blueprint for parks, recreation and trails.

They performed a survey of the township population. The results concluded that the constituents placed a high priority on land preservation and conservation. They want passive recreation areas such as walking, biking and hiking trails for adults and k-8. They want no development. Their residents are willing to pay for people trails, but not for athletic fields, courts or animal fields.

There recommendations are:

1. Adopt an official map;
2. Focus on preservation;
3. Engage in land development review;
4. Establish a Parks and Recreation committee.

They expect this open space task force force to cost approximately 8 million to implement -- and they plan to fund it through grants, donations and volunteers.

Mr. DiMarino made a recommendation that the BOS send a letter to the Chadds Ford Township indicating that their task force plan looks acceptable.

### **New Business:**

Mr. DiMarino resigned from the PC as he is planning to fill a vacancy on the Zoning Hearing Board.

Mr. Hawkins made a motion to recommend that the BOS appoint Mr. Brendan Murphy to fill the vacancy created by Nick DiMarino's resignation.

There was a brief discussion about action items for the upcoming year.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 8:15pm by Mr. DiMarino and seconded by Mr. Hawkins and approved unanimously. Next meeting is scheduled for February 12, 2019.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jennifer A. Boorse  
PC Secretary