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Birmingham Township Planning Commission (BTPC) Minutes of the meeting February 12, 2019

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

PRESENT: Scott Garrison, Eric Hawkins, MaryPat McCarthy, Brendan Murphy, Christopher Nash

ABSENT: Frone Crawford, Esq.

A motion to approve the minutes of the January 9, 2019 meeting was made by **Mr. Nash** and seconded by **Mr. Garrison**. Motion carried. Mr. Murphy abstained as he was not a member on the PC at the January meeting.

Recommendation on Westtown Township, Comp Plan Update

Ms. McCarthy read the Westtown Township Comprehensive Plan Update. It is basically a twenty-year plan for the township.

Their plan focus is on preserving open space. Not necessarily adding additional recreational space unless it relates to walking trails. They also want to encourage community connectivity via trails and walking paths to encourage healthy lifestyles.

They have several impaired streams -- with sediment and other issues affecting their water flow. However, they are in a different watershed than Birmingham township.

An increasing part of their population is considered older than 65. Thus, they need to consider ways to assist them with their quality of life issues as they continue to age.

They want to continue efforts to provide the jug-handle road from Stetson and Route 926 to alleviate some of the traffic on Rt. 202.

They performed a survey of the township population. The results concluded that the constituents placed a high priority on land preservation and conservation. 55% of the survey participants have lived in Westtown township for more than 20 years.

A few of the recommendations in this Comprehensive Plan are to:

1. Adopt an official map;
2. Focus on preservation; (88% of their survey participants)
3. Engage in land development review to protect natural and historic resources'
4. To review and continue efforts to alleviate traffic issues and encourage public transportation.

Mr. Hawkins made a recommendation that the BOS send a letter to the Westtown Township indicating that their Comprehensive Plan looks acceptable and will have no

detrimental impact on Birmingham Township as the two townships only have one and a half miles of adjoining property. Mr. Murphy seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

New Business:

None

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 7:57pm by Mr. Garrison and seconded by Ms. McCarthy and approved unanimously. Next meeting is scheduled for March 12, 2019.

Respectfully submitted,
Jennifer A. Boorse
PC Secretary