

**Historical Commission of Birmingham Township
Minutes of the meeting of April 26, 2022**

The regular meeting of the Birmingham Township Historical Committee was called to order by Chairperson, Mike Forbes at **7:09pm** in the township building.

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

ABSENT: Matt Bedwell, Patricia Kelly

Others present: Dan Hill

Mr. Forbes made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 22, 2022 meeting. Ms. Fleming seconded the motion and it passed unanimously

Review draft of Changes to Zoning Ordinance Chapter 122-6 for Historic Preservation, Historic Resources, Historic Classification, and Historical Significance and Agree on Historical Commission Response Recommendations

Mr. Forbes asked if the members in attendance tonight want to vote on the draft version with all the changes discussed over the past two months or if it would be best to wait until the Planning Commission reviews the draft. Ms. Fleming would like to vote tonight and then amend it as necessary. There was some discussion about the timing of the Birmingham Township PC and BOS reviewing the documents as well as the Chester County Planning Commission. In light of this discussion, the HC decided to recommend their changes to the BOS to be incorporated into the draft prior to the BTPC reviewing it. Mr. Hill noted that the HC ordinance is listed as an agenda item for the May 2, 2022 meeting and it will be discussed then.

Mr. Forbes made a motion to recommend that the Historical Commission's annotated version of the comments (dated 4/7/22) on the Birmingham Township draft Zoning Ordinance Chapter 122-6 be approved to be sent and reviewed by the BOS for incorporation into the final updated version of the Zoning Ordinance Chapter 122-6. Motion seconded by Ms. Fleming and passed unanimously.

Brandywine Battlefield Historical Marker Next Steps

Ms. Fleming indicated that this signage project is finally moving towards completion. Ms. Fleming made a motion recommending that the BOS approve/execute the contract to receive the grant monies from the Pennsylvania Society of Sons of the Revolution and its Color Guard in order to move forward with the project to erect the historical marker at Birmingham Hill. Seconded by Mr. Forbes and approved unanimously.

New Business

Mr. Ponticello mentioned that he noticed a No Trespassing sign at the Dilworth Farm Barn location where they had recently installed interpretative signs in the fields. He thought it was odd to have signs for the public to read, yet have a No Trespassing sign posted. Ms. Fleming indicated she thinks it is to keep people from attempting to enter the barn.

Mr. Forbes made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:27pm. Seconded by Mr. Ponticello and voted unanimously. The next meeting will be May 24, 2022 at 7:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Jennifer Boorse
HC Secretary