

Birmingham Township Planning Commission (BTPC)
Minutes of the meeting June 13, 2023

The regular meeting of the BTPC was called to order by Ms. McCarthy at 7:00pm.

PRESENT: Scott Garrison, Eric Hawkins, MaryPat McCarthy, Brendan Murphy, David Shields

ABSENT:

Also present: Kim Venzie, Esq.

Mr. Shields made a motion to approve the May 9, 2023 minutes. Motion was seconded by Mr. Garrison and it passed unanimously.

Updated Township Code

Ms. Venzie, the solicitor for the Birmingham Township Planning Commission is here tonight to explain the updates that have been made to the township code. The township wanted to have the code reviewed to make sure that it is up to date with all the statutes. The township enlisted General Code to help Ms. Venzie to update the township code. The process is that General Code asked pages of questions, Ms. Venzie answered the questions with input from Quina Nelling, Chief Nelling and the sewer engineer. This has been a year-long process, it now goes to the CCPC and the BTPC for comment and then will go to the BOS for adoption. Ms. Venzie stated that there was not anything substantive in this update. There are still ordinances that do need substantial changes such as the Historical Resource/HARB ordinance – but that is still underway and thus is not included in this update.

There were updates to the charges for liens, the fee schedule, and the fireworks ordinance. The biggest update is a whole new section on the sewer part now that the sewer plant is owned by Bucks County Water and Sewer. It needed to be made clear that now that the plant is owned by BCWS - that it's their rules and regulations that govern the enforcement and fines involved if their users do not comply with the rules.

Mr. Garrison asked if the CCPC makes any comments, if the proposed Code will come back to the BT Planning Commission? Ms. Venzie stated only if the changes are substantial – such as to Zoning or SALDO code. However, she also stated that the only substantive changes were with regard to the sewer portion.

A brief discussion ensued in which the committee members indicated they also did not see any glaring issues.

Mr. Murphy made a motion to recommend that the BOS adopt the Codification updated documentation as provided. Seconded by Mr. Garrison and approved unanimously.

New Business/Public Comment:

Ms. Boorse asked for verification that there will be a quorum for the July and/or August meetings as there will potentially be a subdivision plan coming before the Planning Commission for one of those meetings. There will be a quorum for both, if needed.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 7:17pm by Mr. Hawkins and seconded by Mr. Murphy and approved unanimously. Next meeting is scheduled for July 11, 2023.

Respectfully submitted,
Jennifer A. Boorse
PC Secretary