

**BIRMINGHAM TOWNSHIP, CHESTER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA  
RECREATION PARKS AND OPEN SPACE  
FEBRUARY 18<sup>TH</sup>, 2009 – MEETING SUMMARY**

1. Attendees: Michael Langer, Dan Hill, Jeff Corrigan, Carol Leeson, Mark Beauchamp. Absent from the meeting were Greg Kurey, Curt Staropoli.
2. Meeting called to Order 7:05 pm. A quorum was declared.
3. Review/Approve minutes from July 16, 2008 Meeting.
  - o Approval postponed until the March meeting to achieve July attendee quorum.
4. Review/Approve minutes from December 17, 2008 Meeting.
  - o Edits carried from January meeting: Paragraph 'Sandy Hollow' to be revised that it is the work at Birmingham Hill (not Sandy Hollow) that has an estimate of \$2000 (and not \$2800).
  - o Approval postponed until the March meeting to achieve December attendee quorum.
5. Announcements (public comment)
  - o Reviewed February 10, 2009 Country Home and Garden Proposal for Sandy Hollow work. Mark will contact them and let them know that a contractor has been secured and that RPOS will keep them in mind for 2010.
  - o Notice of another Event Planning Workshop.
6. Review Bills
  - o One invoice reviewed for damaged branch work at Sandy Hollow for approximately \$300. Although RPOS took no issue with the invoice, action deferred to the Township front office since this work was not authorized by RPOS.
7. Sheila Fleming, Brandywine Conservancy (BC), Trail update
  - o Sheila presented an idea to extend a new trail along the Brandywine River (River) between Routes 1 and 926 and connect to an existing trail under Route 1 at the Brandywine River Museum. An existing private trail exists on the east side of River. To establish a trail, options would need to be explored for establishing interest from landowners to gain access and an easement for the trail.
  - o If interested and approved by RPOS, other Township Committees, and BOS, BC could seek a DCNR Park and Recreation Grant to prepare either a Brandywine Greenway Plan or a Trail Feasibility Study. Completing a Greenway Plan would be required in order to obtain DCNR money. It was concluded that a Greenway Plan may be preferred because of its broad planning inventory and approach, rather than a longer and more detailed Trail Feasibility Study.
  - o It was concluded that it would be in the best interest of landowners to contact them to see what interest there is before pursuing a Greenway Plan or Feasibility Study.
  - o RPOS approved the idea of BC further exploring the idea.
  - o Sheila will make the same presentation to the Planning Commission as the next step.
8. Birmingham Hill Signage
  - o Carol presented the proposed signs that will be taken to HARB Monday, February 23.
  - o Revisions discussed included reducing the size of the signs.

- It was agreed that the 'trail ends...no trespassing' signs at the end of the trail was required as a courtesy to the adjacent landowners.

**9. Sandy Hollow Update**

- Once BH signage completed, rules and entry sign at SH planned.
- Mark received MAJIC's letter stating a 'no fee increase' for the '09 maintenance work.
- Cleanup day will be planned at the next meeting.

**10. Township Event**

- Event is proceeding ahead as discussed at last RPOS meeting.
- Michael will present the Event to HARB on February 23 and solicit planning assistance.
- Planning worksheet reviewed and assignments determined. Members to proceed and present progress at the next RPOS meeting.
- Jeanette Guinta, West Chester University, will assist the RPOS with the work. This is very much appreciated as there is much work to do.

**11. Election of Officers**

- Michael and Greg were unanimously re-elected as Chair and Vice-Chair.

**12. New Business: None.**

**13. Public Comment: None.**

**14. Next RPOS meeting – March 18th, 2009.**

**15. With no further public comment, the meeting adjourned at 9:10 PM.**

**Respectfully submitted, Mark Beauchamp - Member, RPOS**