

**BIRMINGHAM TOWNSHIP, CHESTER COUNTY
RECREATION, PARKS AND OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE (RPOS)**

September 16, 2009

Vice-Chairman Greg Kurey called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. in the Township Building. The following were in attendance:

Greg Kurey	Vice-Chairman, RPOS Committee
Dan Hill	Member, RPOS Committee
Jeffrey Corrigan	Member, RPOS Committee
Jay Monteith	Member, RPOS Committee
Judy Jensen	Secretary, RPOS Committee

Absent from the meeting were Chairman Michael Langer and Members Mark Beauchamp and Curt Staropoli.

APPROVAL OF THE AUGUST 19, 2009 MEETING MINUTES

The minutes for the August 19, 2009 RPOS meeting were approved, as written; all in favor.

BILLS

There were no bills to review at tonight's meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Vice-Chairman Kurey distributed the following publication:

- Conservation and You (Summer 2009)

SANDY HOLLOW UPDATE

Dog Waste Disposal Center: Mr. Monteith has contacted three pet clean-up organizations concerning costs to maintain a dog waste disposal center. The organizations include:

- Pet Care Group
- Cleven Canine Services
- Delaware Pooper Scooper Inc.

Maintenance would include cleaning 100 yards on either side of the trail head and replacing the plastic bags in the disposal center. The lowest estimate was received from Pet Care Group, who estimated a cost of \$25 per week or \$30 each time if maintenance was performed twice a month.

Mr. Monteith also called several commercial waste haulers. Allied Waste Services quoted an estimate of \$25 per week to empty a trash can at Sandy Hollow. Integrated Waste Solutions gave an estimate of \$75 per month.

Since three members were absent from tonight's meeting, Vice-Chairman Kurey suggested the committee wait until the October RPOS meeting to discuss the issue further. In the meantime, Mr. Monteith said he will get a written estimate from the companies that came in with the lowest costs, (both the company that would maintain a dog waste disposal center and a commercial waste hauler).

Landscaping: Vice-Chairman Kurey said MAJIC Landscaping did a nice job installing the landscaping at both Sandy Hollow and Birmingham Hill.

BIRMINGHAM HILL

RPOS members discussed the continuing confusion over parking at Birmingham Hill. Vice-Chairman Kurey suggested committee members continue to monitor the parking and, if necessary, take steps in the spring to help delineate the parking spaces.

INTERPRETIVE SIGNS

Mr. Hill said he will work on a cost estimate for the Board of Supervisors concerning the proposed plans to install interpretive signs at Sandy Hollow and Birmingham Hill. He also contacted the Historic Commission to solicit help in developing the signs. He will meet with members of the Commission some time in the next few months.

Mr. Monteith said he spoke to Will Snook about the plan to install interpretive signs. Mr. Snook suggested that in addition to signs, RPOS consider installing cell phone stations. Visitors would use their own cell phones to call a number (indicated on the sign) for a recording of additional information. The cell phone stations would allow RPOS to provide more information without making the signs overly busy.

325th EVENT UPDATE

Vice-Chairman Kurey said he would like a reenactment at Sandy Hollow to be the centerpiece of the event. Issues that need to be addressed concerning a reenactment include:

- How many reenactors would be involved?
- Would the reenactors come for the day or stay overnight?
- Where would the reenactors park their cars?

Vice-Chairman Kurey said that by the end of the year, he'd like to pin down exactly what kind of reenactment, especially in terms of the number of people involved, could be done at Sandy Hollow. He will speak with David Shields of the Brandywine Conservancy about the plans to include a reenactment at Sandy Hollow for the 325th event.

Vice-Chairman Kurey would also like to develop a logo for the event and asked RPOS members to think about possible ideas for a logo. He also plans to post a "save the date" reminder on the Township Web site once the date of the event is finalized.

Vice-Chairman Kurey said he has spoken to several area businesses about becoming an event sponsor and several of them have indicated interest in sponsoring the event.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business at tonight's meeting.

The next RPOS meeting is scheduled for October 21, 2009.

With no further public comment, the meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Jensen
RPOS Secretary