

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

**April 21, 2010**

Chairman Michael Langer called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. in the Township Building. The following were in attendance:

Michael Langer	Chairman, RPOS Committee
Dan Hill	Member, RPOS Committee
Jeff Corrigan	Member, RPOS Committee
Robert Main	Member, RPOS Committee
John Conklin	Chairman, Board of Supervisors
Judy Jensen	Secretary, RPOS Committee

Absent from the meeting were Vice-Chairman Greg Kurey and Members Mark Beauchamp and Jay Monteith.

**APPROVAL OF THE MARCH 17, 2010 MEETING MINUTES**

Due to a lack of a quorum, approval of the March 17, 2010 RPOS minutes was tabled until the May RPOS meeting.

**BILLS**

RPOS reviewed a \$325 bill from Family Landscape Center of Glen Mills, PA for 10 yards of hardwood mulch. The mulch was used at Sandy Hollow and Birmingham Hill.

**SANDY HOLLOW AND BIRMINGHAM HILL UPDATE**

Various maintenance tasks were completed at both Sandy Hollow and Birmingham Hill during the annual clean-up day that was held on Saturday, April 10<sup>th</sup>. Chairman Langer noted that a couple of residents helped with the clean-up activities. RPOS is very grateful for the residents' volunteer service to the two parks.

During the April 10<sup>th</sup> clean-up activities, Chairman Langer and Mr. Hill gathered up tree limbs along Meetinghouse Road and are now in need of a wood chipper. Chairman Langer said he believes Chadds Ford Tree Service has the necessary equipment. He will contact them and inquire whether they have a certificate of insurance, which they must obtain before performing work in the Township.

Chairman Langer also noted that he picked up a rail at Fenceworks to be used at Sandy Hollow.

Mr. Conklin said he is disappointed that only a couple of residents helped with the clean-up activities on April 10<sup>th</sup>. He added that he doesn't want the same people to become overwhelmed with the annual clean-up activities and noted that RPOS might want to consider hiring a landscaping company to complete some of the activities, such as the mulching of the landscaped beds at the two parks.

**SANDY HOLLOW BASIN**

Chairman Langer said there is interest on the part of the Birmingham Environmental

Stream Team (BEST) to develop the basin at Sandy Hollow into a Township model with regard to best management practices for basins. If RPOS and BEST decide to proceed with the Sandy Hollow basin project, the steps will include:

- Obtaining a scope of work from Township Engineer Jim Hatfield.
- Meeting with BEST and developing a basin project proposal.
- Presenting the basin project proposal to RPOS.

If RPOS votes to move forward on the project, the committee would then present the proposed basin project to the Board of Supervisors.

Chairman Langer plans to attend an upcoming workshop at Villanova on best management practices for basins.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

A few years ago, the idea of placing a monument at Sandy Hollow was discussed by RPOS. The Board of Supervisors currently has seed money available for a project. The seed money could be enhanced by various contributors. Considering the historic significance of Sandy Hollow, Mr. Conklin said the supervisors would be comfortable using the funds on a project such as a monument for Sandy Hollow. The Historic Commission is also discussing various project ideas.

Chairman Langer said RPOS did look into the possibility of placing a monument at Sandy Hollow and he therefore has a great deal on information on monuments, including drawings from John Milner for a ground monument. Chairman Langer and Mr. Hill both indicated that they are interested in pursuing the idea of a Sandy Hollow monument and will discuss the idea further at the May RPOS meeting.

The next RPOS meeting is scheduled for May 19, 2010.

With no further public comment, the meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Jensen  
RPOS Secretary