

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

June 16, 2010

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
Jeff Corrigan	Member, RPOS Committee
Mark Beauchamp	Member, RPOS Committee
John Conklin	Chairman, Board of Supervisors
Judy Jensen	Secretary, RPOS Committee

Absent from the meeting was Chairman Michael Langer and Members Jay Monteith and Robert Main.

APPROVAL OF THE MARCH 17, 2010 MEETING MINUTES

Due to the lack of a quorum, approval of the March 17, 2010 meeting minutes was postponed to the July RPOS meeting.

APPROVAL OF THE APRIL 21, 2010 MEETING MINUTES

Due to the lack of a quorum, approval of the April 21, 2010 meeting minutes was postponed to the July RPOS meeting.

BILLS

Vice-Chairman Kurey reviewed a \$575 bill from Greentree Landscaping Inc. for the spraying of trees and shrubbery at Sandy Hollow. He also reviewed a \$235 bill from Gumball Media Services LLC (dba) Land Art for the removal of four debris piles at Sandy Hollow and Birmingham Hill. The debris was the result of maintenance activities performed during the annual clean-up day that was held at the two parks in April.

SANDY HOLLOW UPDATE

Mr. Beauchamp noted that the Sandy Hollow field was recently mowed.

BIRMINGHAM HILL UPDATE

Mr. Beauchamp mentioned that due to the recent lack of rain, a few of the new plantings at Birmingham Hill are having a difficult time. The grasses that were planted seem to be fairing much better.

Mr. Hill has sawed several large limbs that were lying on the ground near the trail at Birmingham Hill. The sawed wood needs to be removed from the trail area. Mr. Beauchamp will speak with Township Secretary/Treasurer Quina Nelling and let her know that RPOS would like to contact Land Art to inquire about removing the wood.

Also, Chairman Langer, his daughter Meredith and Mr. Hill spread wood chips along the trail at Birmingham Hill. Chadds Ford Tree provided the wood chips.

NEW BUSINESS

Concerning the possible development of trails in the Township, Mr. Conklin suggested that RPOS consider creating a file on potential trails. He indicated that the file could include an up-to-date trail inventory and ideas on a potential route from Birmingham Hill to the Spackman property. The file could also include possible recreational ideas along the Brandywine. A few years ago, RPOS began preliminary work on a recreational plan for the Township. Mr. Hill suggested committee members continue their earlier work. Once complete, RPOS would present the proposed plan to the Board of Supervisors for their possible approval.

Eagle Scout Jack Hall has completed a project on the two Sandy Hollow canons. The project included repainting both canons, as well as clearing the underbrush and mulching around the canons. One canon is located on private property and the second canon is located on Sandy Hollow land. Mr. Hill said Jack did a great job, adding that both canons look terrific. Vice-Chairman Kurey agreed and said he would like to contact the landowner to inquire if RPOS can come by occasionally to maintain the area around the canon. Mr. Beauchamp said if the landowner is in agreement, RPOS might want to consider expanding the work contract with MAJIC to include the maintenance of the land around the canon.

RPOS also discussed the possibility of moving the canon that is located on Sandy Hollow property. Since it is difficult to see the canon in its present location, RPOS members considered the possibility of moving it to the high meadow by the parking lot. Vice-Chairman Kurey suggested contacting the Township's Historic Commission to insure that they don't have an issue with moving the canon.

Also, for several months now, Vice-Chairman Kurey and three high school students have been walking the Sandy Hollow trail, picking up trash and other deposits. This activity is part of a community service project for high school students. The students will receive a letter from the Township verifying their community service hours.

The next RPOS meeting is scheduled for July 21, 2010.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Jensen
RPOS Secretary