

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

March 18, 2019

Chairman Anne Siemer called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. in the Township Building. The following were in attendance:

Anne Siemer	Chairman, RPOS Committee
Chuck Feld	Vice-Chairman, RPOS Committee
Jim Rosenthal	Member, RPOS Committee
Bob Socash	Member, RPOS Committee
Dan Hill	Member, Board of Supervisors
Judy Jensen	Secretary, RPOS Committee

APPROVAL OF THE FEBRUARY 18, 2019 MINUTES

The minutes of the February 18, 2019 RPOS meeting were approved, as written; all in favor.

BILLS

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

SANDY HOLLOW UPDATE

Several bags of dog waste have been found in the woods near the Sandy Hollow trail. RPOS discussed the possibility of setting up a second dog waste station. Mrs. Siemer said she will call Clevens K9 Scoop, the company that maintains the current dog waste station, to inquire what it would cost to maintain a second dog waste station at Sandy Hollow.

A company called W.S. Harwood Property Services, LLC, inquired about putting in a bid to mow at Sandy Hollow. Because the bid is higher than the current company, MAJIC, that maintains Sandy Hollow, Mr. Feld will contact W.S. Harwood Property Services, LLC and explain that the bid is higher than the current costs to maintain the property and therefore, RPOS plans to continue to use MAJIC.

BIRMINGHAM HILL UPDATE

A workday has been set up for Birmingham Hill for April 6th. Mrs. Siemer has been in contact with Andrew Outten about the possibility of the American Battlefield Trust helping to replace posts and rails along the fencing at Birmingham Hill during the workday activities, as well as clean up debris and trim weeds. The Trust helped with maintenance tasks at Sandy Hollow last year and their assistance was very much appreciated by RPOS.

Mrs. Siemer brought samples of a sign that could be placed on the Birmingham Hill trail to indicate where the trail goes. Currently, it is a bit confusing and people walking the trail sometimes accidentally end up on private property. The signs Mrs. Siemer showed RPOS have a blue background with orange lettering for "B.H. Trail" and an arrow indicating where the trail goes. The signs are about 6 inches by 6 inches in size. Rather than ordering metal signs, RPOS decided to laminate paper signs and use them as a

temporary sign. If the laminated signs work, RPOS will consider investing in the metal signs.

INTERPRETIVE SIGNS

Mrs. Siemer and Mrs. Jensen have been working on a new interpretive sign panel about foot soldiers to be placed at either Sandy Hollow or Birmingham Hill. Mrs. Siemer presented several samples of the proposed sign. Mr. Rosenthal suggested that "The Crown Forces" replace the words "The British Army" on the text of the sign. RPOS also agreed that the sign should include a QR code. Because the committee could not agree on which sign they preferred, the signs will be printed at Staples and the committee can then choose the sign they like best.

NEW BUSINESS

Mrs. Siemer attended a meeting at Radley Run about the Chester County Town Walk kickoff on August 29.

Mrs. Siemer also attended a presentation on the Vision Partnership Program and presented an update to RPOS.

The next RPOS meeting is scheduled for April 15, 2019.

With no public comment, the meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Jensen
RPOS Secretary