

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

February 17, 2020

Chairman Anne Siemer called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Township Building. The following were in attendance:

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

APPROVAL OF THE JANUARY 20, 2020 MINUTES

The minutes of the January 20, 2020 RPOS meeting were approved, as written; all in favor.

BILLS

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

SANDY HOLLOW UPDATE

Mrs. Siemer noted that a couple of the rails on the fencing at Sandy Hollow have collapsed. RPOS agreed to fix the railing on the next workday, which will probably be scheduled in the spring.

BIRMINGHAM HILL UPDATE

Mrs. Siemer picked up the trail signs from Goshen Signs. Mr. Feld said he will drill two small holes in each sign and will purchase stainless steel screws for attaching the signs to fence posts.

Mrs. Siemer also mentioned that Brian of Land Art removed the trees that was leaning over the pond along the trail. He also fixed the fencing.

RPOS is considering holding a workday this spring to fix rails at Sandy Hollow, install the new trail signs, and to mulch along the Birmingham Hill trail, among other activities. Mrs. Siemer has emailed Andrew Outten to see if any volunteers from the American Battlefield Trust would be available sometime in the spring to help with maintenance activities at Birmingham Hill. Volunteers from the organization helped previously on a scheduled workday and their assistance was greatly appreciated by RPOS.

Some of the gravel at the parking lot at Birmingham Hill has washed away. Mr. Feld said he will move the gravel back into place with his Kabota.

Mrs. Siemer noted that the Brandywine Conservancy plans to host a meeting on the Birmingham Hill Master Plan at the Township building on February 28th. She plans to attend the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Mrs. Siemer said that she and Mrs. Jensen met last week to begin planning another interpretive sign panel. If there is money left in the budget this fall, RPOS might consider having the panel made by Pannier. If there is not enough funding in the budget, then the committee will have to revisit the interpretive sign panel in 2021. Also, Mrs. Jensen has updated the History links on the website.

Mrs. Siemer received an email from Don Barker from the Living History Registry. Mr. Barker maintains a database of military equipment in parks around the country. He asked Mrs. Siemer to check on the locations of the two cannons at Sandy Hollow and to let him know where each cannon is located. Mrs. Siemer will email him back about the locations.

Mrs. Siemer welcomed Doreen O'Neill, who is considering joining RPOS to fill the vacancy left by Dave Shields, to tonight's meeting.

The next RPOS meeting is scheduled for March 16, 2020.

With no public comment, the meeting adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Jensen
RPOS Secretary