

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

August 17, 2020

Chairman Anne Siemer called the Zoom meeting of RPOS to order at 7:10 p.m. 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
Judy Jensen	Secretary, RPOS Committee

APPROVAL OF THE FEBRUARY 17, 2020 MINUTES

The minutes of the February 17, 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 three trees by the Spackman property came down in June, leaving debris along the trail at Sandy Hollow. Brian of Land Art cleared some of the debris and hired out the cleanup of the bigger branches. The total cost of the cleanup was \$2,900.

Mrs. Siemer and her husband fixed several rails at the park this spring and cleaned the interpretive signs.

Mrs. Siemer noted that a picture of the cannon at Sandy Hollow made the front cover of the magazine Junxion.

BIRMINGHAM HILL UPDATE

Mrs. Siemer installed the trail markers on the trail at Birmingham Hill. She said that some of the rails along the fencing need to be replaced. Mr. Feld has already replaced nine rails along Birmingham Road. He also plans to regrade the gravel at the parking lot.

Mr. Feld noted that two large trees have come down at Birmingham Hill. Mrs. Siemer said she will ask Brian of Land Art for an estimate for the cleanup work. RPOS members wondered whether, in this case, the funds for the cleanup work will come out of the Township road budget or the RPOS budget.

Mr. Socash said that he is finding more dog waste along the Birmingham Hill trail. RPOS discussed whether a dog waste station (perhaps located at Birmingham Road and Meetinghouse Road) should be installed. The cost of maintaining the station would be an ongoing expense for the Township, therefore Mrs. Siemer said she will talk to Board of Supervisors Member Dan Hill about his thoughts as to installing a dog waste station at Birmingham Hill.

Mrs. Siemer said the Brandywine Conservancy is currently working on a Birmingham Hill Master Plan. She will let RPOS members know when the next public meeting will be held. Due to coronavirus, currently no public meetings on the master plan are scheduled.

Mrs. Siemer noted that Verne Weideman has expressed interest in pursuing an audio tour of Birmingham Hill. RPOS liked the idea and thought that it might be easiest to install a sign with information, including a QR code, on how to access the audio tour on a phone or computer.

Mrs. Siemer noted that RPOS might want to change the inserts to the signs at Birmingham Hill. She thought RPOS might want to place the George Washington sign at Sandy Hollow so that visitors to the park would be able to read a sign with new information.

NEW BUSINESS

With the departure of Dave Shields to the Planning Commission, RPOS is currently looking for a new member to take Mr. Shield's place. Mrs. Jensen said she will note the vacancy on the Township website.

The next RPOS meeting is scheduled for September 21, 2020.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Jensen
RPOS Secretary