

# Birmingham Township

## Chester County

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

January 17, 2022

Vice-Chairman Chuck Feld called the meeting of RPOS to order at 7:01 PM in the Birmingham Township Building. A quorum was declared.

#### ***The following were in attendance:***

Chuck Feld	Vice-Chairman, RPOS Committee
Kathleen Brecker	Member, RPOS Committee
Brian Bonkoski	Member, RPOS Committee
Bob Socash	Member, RPOS Committee
Dan Hill	Member, Board of Supervisors
Melissa Urbany	Secretary, RPOS Committee

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

##### **New Officers**

The RPOS committee needs to organize for 2022 which includes the election of a chairman and vice-chairman.

Ms. Brecker made a motion to nominate Mr. Feld for the position of chairman. Mr. Socash seconded; all in favor.

Ms. Brecker made a motion to nominate Mr. Bonkoski for the position of vice-chairman. Mr. Socash seconded; all in favor.

##### **2022 Meetings**

RPOS meetings will be held on the third Monday of each month at 7:00 PM.

##### **Landscape Maintenance Bids**

Mr. Feld plans to send out information to four companies this week so they can submit a bid to the Township for yearly landscape maintenance. The deadline for bid submissions is January 27th.

##### **Brandywine Picnic Park**

An email was received by the Township stating that Natural Lands is interested in purchasing the Brandywine Picnic Park for the purpose of creating trails and a park.

If purchased by Natural Lands, each local government would be responsible for maintaining their own respective portions of the park; eight acres in East Bradford Township and sixteen in Birmingham Township. RPOS voiced concern that this would be a huge undertaking.

Mr. Hill noted that the Township Supervisors have reached out to Natural Lands for more information.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Ms. Brecker made a motion to approve the December 20, 2021 RPOS minutes. Mr. Socash seconded; all in favor.

### **BILLS**

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

### **Birmingham Hill**

#### **Flags**

Mr. Bonkoski and Ms. Brecker volunteered to take over putting up flags at Birmingham Hill for the following holidays: Memorial Day, Independence Day, Veterans Day, Battle of the Brandywine, 911, and Flag Day.

#### **Historical Marker**

The Brandywine Conservancy has approved the historical marker, so it is currently in production. Mr. Feld believes it will most likely not be ready until Spring. RPOS will need to have it installed at that time.

#### **Work Day**

A Spring work day date needs to be chosen soon. New chips have to be laid in beds and the fence rails and posts need to be fixed and/or replaced.

### **Sandy Hollow**

#### **Cannon**

Since the cannon is made of wood, it needs to be painted and/or touched up with wood filler a couple of times per year. Mr. Socash volunteered to check in on it occasionally and will alert the group when it needs maintenance. In the meantime, Mr. Feld stated he will reach out to Judy Jensen for the exact paint color used in the past, and also noted that it will most likely take longer than a typical group work day to paint.

### **New Business**

RPOS is seeking new members to join the committee. There are currently two individuals that may be interested in joining, however, there have been no official applications filled out at this time.

Mr. Feld informed the group that Linden Farm, off of Birmingham Road, was recently donated to the Brandywine Conservancy to be used as a museum.

**The next RPOS meeting is scheduled for February 21, 2022 at 7:00 PM.**

Mr. Socash motioned to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Brecker seconded; all in favor. With no further business and with no public comment, the meeting was adjourned at 7:29 PM.

**Respectfully submitted,**

Melissa Urbany  
RPOS Secretary