

# **Birmingham Township**

## **Chester County**

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

**August 15, 2022**

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

***The following were not in attendance:***

Doreen O'Neill	Member, RPOS Committee
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#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mr. Socash motioned to approve the July 18, 2022 RPOS minutes. Ms. Brecker seconded; all in favor.

#### **Review Bills**

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

#### **Birmingham Hill Update**

##### **Tree Removal**

Another tree removal bid is needed, but Mr. Feld plans to wait until closer to the end of the year to see what's left in the budget. The trees are located along the road, all the way down by the open field and some are covered in problematic poison ivy. Mr. Feld plans on using a hatchet to chop the ivy at the roots in an attempt to eradicate it.

##### **Bench**

As with the tree removal bid, Mr. Feld would also like to wait until closer to the end of the year to purchase the new bench to ensure there is sufficient budget left.

**Trimming**

Recently for the first time, Sunny Gardens trimmed the weeds off of the section of trail through the woods.

**Flags**

Mr. Bonkoski plans to put the flags up for Patriot Day.

**Sandy Hollow Update****Dog Waste Stations**

Mr. Feld has been regularly visiting Sandy Hollow a few times per week and has not noticed any excess trash at the waste station. The Committee feels no action should be taken at this time as the last overflow incident was most likely isolated.

**Cutting**

Mr. Hicks will cut the field where the Battle will be fought next week so the grass will have about a month to grow back to the desired height. The rest of the park will need to be cut about a week prior to the event.

**Wild Hemlock**

Mr. Hicks recently went along the woods and mowed an abundance of wild hemlock. Mr. Feld was able to spray the rest and does not feel it should cause any issues as it's only a problem if ingested.

**Cannon**

The cannon will need to be repainted towards the end of this year.

**New Business****Reenactment**

Wednesday, August 24th at 6:30 PM there will be a meeting to discuss the Reenactment at Thornbury Farm Market.

The website, [www.brandywine2022.com](http://www.brandywine2022.com), has a [sign up section](#) for volunteer activities.

Mr. Socash motioned to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Bonkoski seconded; all in favor. With no further business and with no public comment, the meeting was adjourned at 7:17 PM.

**The next RPOS meeting will be September 19, 2022.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

Melissa Urbany  
RPOS Secretary