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

May 15, 2023

Chairman Chuck Feld called the meeting of Recreation, Parks and Open Space to order at 7:02 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
Stan Benarick	Member, RPOS Committee
Melissa Urbany	Secretary, RPOS Committee

Absent:

Doreen O'Neill	Member, RPOS Committee
Dan Hill	Member, Board of Supervisors

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Socash motioned to approve last month's minutes. Mr. Bonkoski seconded. The April 17, 2023 RPOS minutes were unanimously approved.

Review Bills

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

Birmingham Hill Update

American Battlefield Trust Park Day May 13

In preparation for Park Day, the trail was rechipped and eighteen rails and seven posts were replaced.

Tree Work \$35

A large branch fell on the fence last month and damaged three rails. They have since been repaired.

June 14 Flag Day

Mr. Bonkoski plans to purchase more flags for the fence in preparation for Flag Day.

June Chester County Hiking Club

On June 7th an estimated 15-18 members will be hiking at Birmingham Hill and Friends Meeting House. There will also be a Birmingham Lafayette cemetery tour.

Benches

RPOS members have recently received several compliments on the location of the new benches.

Hole on trail

Mr. Feld noticed there was a sunken spot/hole on the trail near the corner of the stone house. He has since repaired it.

Sign

The blue sign at the entrance of Birmingham Hill used to have ornamental grass underneath, but it's now empty. Mr. Feld would like to plant some perennials instead, possibly during a future work day.

Sandy Hollow Update

Tree Work \$275

A large tree recently fell down. Mr. Brian Matuszewski took care of it and the cost was \$275.

Mr. Benarick informed the group of the recent incident where a car window was intentionally broken in the parking lot. He also suggested that sometime in the near future the group should discuss what the process would be like to add a crosswalk on S New Street.

Lastly, the issue with ice pooling in the hollow of the trail should be fully resolved.

New Business

The fence at Birmingham Hill from Wylie Road to the parking lot is deteriorating badly with rotted posts and rails constantly falling and breaking. Repairing has become much too cumbersome and tedious. Members agree it should be replaced soon. Mr. Feld suggested separating the fence into three sections and getting bids to replace each. Sections would be: 1. Birmingham Road, 2. trail down through the woods and 3. the rest. He plans to acquire a few bids to discuss at the next meeting.

The next RPOS meeting is scheduled for June 19, 2023.

Mr. Socash motioned to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Bonkoski seconded; all in favor. With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:24 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Melissa Urbany

RPOS Secretary