

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

**July 17, 2017**

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

Chuck Feld	Vice-Chairman, RPOS Committee
Jim Rosenthal	Member, RPOS Committee
Michael Langer	Member, RPOS Committee
John Conklin	Chairman, Board of Supervisors
Mike Shiring	Member, Board of Supervisors
Judy Jensen	Secretary, RPOS Committee

Absent from the meeting were RPOS Chairman Anne Siemer and Member Jim Kelican.

**APPROVAL OF THE JUNE 19, 2017 MINUTES**

The minutes of the June 19, 2017 RPOS meeting were approved, as written; all in favor.

**BILLS**

Mrs. Jensen presented a \$60.87 bill from Staples for three proofs of the interpretive sign planned for Birmingham Hill.

**BIRMINGHAM HILL UPDATE**

Mr. Feld noted that several rails need to be replaced at Birmingham Hill, along with a few posts. RPOS will need to purchase a few more rails to make the needed repairs.

Mrs. Jensen presented three proofs of the interpretive sign intended for Birmingham Hill. After a discussion, Mr. Langer made a motion to approve the blue textbox formatted sign, pending Mrs. Siemer's approval. Mr. Rosenthal seconded the motion. The motion was approved; all in favor.

**SANDY HOLLOW UPDATE**

RPOS discussed the four trees that were planted along S. New Street at Sandy Hollow. Although the committee does not know who planted the trees, it does appear that two of them have died. Mr. Feld removed the dead trees. One of the remaining trees is a Tulip Poplar and the other is a Pin Oak. RPOS will continue to monitor the health of the two remaining trees.

At its January meeting, RPOS noted that the paint on the replica cannon at Sandy Hollow is peeling and there is a crack on the top of the cannon. Mr. Langer has been in contact with Forrest Taylor, the maker of the cannon. Mr. Taylor has not yet come by to repair the cannon. Mr. Feld said that because the cannon is wood, RPOS could fill in the crack with either epoxy or wood fill and repaint the repaired section. RPOS agreed that if Mr. Taylor does not pick up the cannon by the second week of August, RPOS will repair the cannon themselves.

Mr. Langer said he has checked on the wildflower seed mix that he spread along the trail at Sandy Hollow earlier this spring. Because there is so much competitive undergrowth,

he is not sure that the wildflowers will grow. Mr. Feld said he will stop by and take a look at the wildflower area. He also noted that RPOS could have the wildflower area mowed to help alleviate the undergrowth, which should help the wildflowers grow.

### **REENACTMENT**

In August, Mr. Feld will meet with the people planning the parking for the September reenactment. Mr. Conklin noted that the parking plan is much the same as it was during the previous reenactment. Mr. Feld and Randall Spackman will clear a path out of the woods for the reenactors to use.

Mr. Conklin said there are two areas that are still of concern:

- Township Tent: At the previous reenactment, a Township tent was set up that displayed a map for visitors to view. T-shirts were also sold at the tent. Proceeds from the t-shirt sale were \$2,000. Presently, there is no one available to manage the Township tent. Mr. Conklin said that if the Township wants to have the tent, he needs someone to volunteer to help set it up and to manage the money. If a volunteer is not found, there will be no Township tent.
- Manager of the Volunteers: Mr. Conklin said he needs someone to manage the volunteers. This person would organize the volunteers, greet them on the reenactment days and assign them to their stations.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

There was no new business at tonight's meeting.

The next RPOS meeting is scheduled for August 21, 2017.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Jensen  
RPOS Secretary