

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

September 18, 2017

Chairman Siemer called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. in the Township Building. The following were in attendance:

Anne Siemer	Chairman, RPOS Committee
Chuck Feld	Vice-Chairman, RPOS Committee
Jim Rosenthal	Member, RPOS Committee
Jim Kelican	Member, RPOS Committee
Mike Shiring	Board of Supervisors, Member
Judy Jensen	Secretary, RPOS Committee

APPROVAL OF THE AUGUST 21, 2017 MINUTES

The minutes of the August 21, 2017 RPOS meeting were approved, as written; all in favor.

BILLS

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

BIRMINGHAM HILL UPDATE

The newest interpretive sign for Birmingham Hill has arrived from Pannier Graphics. RPOS agreed that they will install the sign on Sunday, October 8th. The sign will be placed along the trail near the corner on Birmingham Road.

Mr. Feld said he will pick up rails to replace the deteriorated rails along the fencing at Birmingham Hill. RPOS will make the repairs on October 8th, after they install the interpretive sign.

SANDY HOLLOW UPDATE

Mrs. Siemer noted that Mr. Langer complete much-needed repairs on the cannon. He filled in the crack with waterproof epoxy, sanded it and repainted the repaired crack. The committee plans to paint the remainder of the cannon later this fall. Once the cannon is repainted, RPOS members thought that it might be a good idea to consider some sort of cover for the cannon, such as a gazebo, so that the weather does not again cause the cannon finish to deteriorate.

BRANDYWINE 2017

Mr. Shiring noted that Brandywine 2017, the reenactment, was a wonderful event and thanked all the RPOS members who contributed to its success.

2018 BUDGET

RPOS discussed the 2018 budget for both Sandy Hollow and Birmingham Hill. The Sandy Hollow budget is projected to be \$15,492 and includes mowing, trimming and weeding along the trail corridor and the parking lot, as well as mulching, tree trimming, fence maintenance, landscaping, dog waste pickup, interpretive signs (2 panels planned), and miscellaneous costs of \$1000.

The budget for Birmingham Hill is projected to be \$25,802. The budget includes trail and parking lot mowing, weeding, bed mulching, tree trimming and removal, trail woodchip replacement, fence maintenance, interpretive signs (2 panels), and miscellaneous expenses budgeted at \$500. (Note: The September minutes were amended at the October RPOS meeting because Mrs. Jensen accidentally got the budget figure wrong for Birmingham Hill. The Birmingham Hill budget is \$10,310. The combined Birmingham Hill and Sandy Hollow budget is \$25,802.)

New Business

At the August RPOS meeting, Mr. Langer announced that he will be stepping down from RPOS due to a move from the Township. RPOS is currently looking for a new member to replace Mr. Langer.

The next RPOS meeting is scheduled for October 16, 2017.

With no public comment, the meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Jensen
RPOS Secretary