

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

**December 18, 2017**

Chairman Siemer called the meeting to order at 7:00 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
Scott Boorse	Vice-Chairman, Board of Supervisors
Mike Forbes	Vice-Chairman, Historical Commission
Judy Jensen	Secretary, RPOS Committee

Absent from the meeting was Member Jim Kelican

**APPROVAL OF THE NOVEMBER 20, 2017 MINUTES**

The minutes of the November 20, 2017 RPOS meeting were approved, as written; all in favor.

**BILLS**

There were no bills presented at tonight's meeting.

**SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT**

At the October RPOS meeting, Mrs. Siemer noted that a resident of Birmingham Hunt had asked to hold a small charity event at Sandy Hollow. Over the past couple of months, RPOS has been investigating the various issues that must be considered if resident-hosted events are allowed at Sandy Hollow. These issues include size of the proposed event, parking, bathroom facilities and liability issues. Another issue is what criteria to use to determine if a proposed event fits within the covenants that have been put in place for Sandy Hollow. Mrs. Siemer emailed RPOS members a copy of the "Declarations of Protective Restrictions and Covenants" for Sandy Hollow for their review. Mr. Rosenthal suggested that, because at this time no resident is requesting to use the park, the question as to whether events not sponsored by the Township should be allowed at Sandy Hollow should be tabled.

**REPLICA CANNON**

At the November RPOS meeting, committee members passed a motion recommending to the Board of Supervisors that the Township accept a cannon being offered by Pocopson resident Jerry Barnes. The cannon is a 3/4 size model of an 1841 Civil War cannon. Because the cannon is in need of repairs, RPOS also passed a motion recommending that the students at Williamson College of the Trades make the needed repairs, at a cost not to exceed \$500. After the repairs are completed, RPOS will decide where the cannon should be located.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Mrs. Siemer said there are two applicants interested in filling the RPOS vacancy left by Michael Langer. RPOS will meet with the two applicants in January and then make a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors.

Mr. Forbes attended tonight's meeting to inquire as to whether the Township has made any decisions concerning the barn on the Caccio property (1370 Birmingham Road). Mr. Boorse noted that the property is owned by the Civil War Trust and therefore the Township has no say as to what is done with the barn. Mr. Forbes said that he will contact the Civil War Trust about their plans for the barn.

RPOS is concerned about the barn's structural integrity and possible liability issues associated with the structure. In August, the Board of Supervisors received an estimate of \$75,000 to fix the roof and stabilize the barn. The estimate does not include possible future costs if the barn is preserved, such as renovation, ongoing maintenance or liability costs.

The next RPOS meeting is scheduled for January 15, 2018.

With no public comment, the meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Jensen  
RPOS Secretary