

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

January 15, 2018

Chairman Siemer called the meeting to order at 7:01 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
Judy Jensen	Secretary, RPOS Committee

Absent from the meeting was Member Jim Kelican.

APPROVAL OF THE DECEMBER 18, 2017 MINUTES

The minutes of the December 18, 2017 RPOS meeting were approved, as written; all in favor.

BILLS

There were no bills presented at tonight's meeting.

SANDY HOLLOW/BIRMINGHAM HILL UPDATE

RPOS members agreed to schedule a workday for Sandy Hollow and Birmingham Hill in late March. One of the tasks they plan to complete during the workday is the replacement of rails at Birmingham Hill.

PROJECTS FOR 2018

RPOS members discussed the following as potential projects at Sandy Hollow for 2018:

- Develop an interpretive sign panel at Sandy Hollow. The committee also discussed switching sign panels between Birmingham Hill and Sandy Hollow.
- Refresh plantings near the parking lot at Sandy Hollow. Mr. Feld said RPOS could draw up landscaping plans and present them to the Board of Supervisors. In the past, RPOS has discussed the idea of installing a sitting wall near the current cannon. Mr. Feld suggested that the wall be included in the landscaping plan so that the Supervisors can consider the idea.
- Replace the two dead trees near the cannon at Sandy Hollow.
- Determine where to place the new cannon that was donated to the Township by Pocopson resident Jerry Barnes.

Potential projects for Birmingham Hill are as follows:

- Develop an interpretive sign panel for Birmingham Hill.
- At the March workday, lay down fresh wood chips along the trail. Also, replace any deteriorated fence posts and rails. Mrs. Siemer suggested the committee determine how many posts and rails need to be replaced. If it is a large number, RPOS may wish to consider hiring someone to do the work. Also, Mr. Feld noted that the land at certain points along Birmingham Road is not being maintained. He will ask MAJIC Landscaping for an estimate on how much it would be to mow the grass along Birmingham Road.

- Purchase additional U.S. and Brandywine flags. Mrs. Siemer has been placing the flags on the fence posts at Birmingham Hill on U.S. holidays, such as Memorial Day. Mr. Feld said he will drill holes where needed in the fence posts to accommodate the flags.
- Install a landscaped bed by the bench at Birmingham Hill.

RIVER PROPERTY

Sheila Fleming of the Brandywine Conservancy has offered to develop a plan for the Fanelli property. RPOS agreed to look into the current status of the property.

REORGANIZATION

After a discussion, Mr. Rosenthal made a motion to recommend to the Board of Supervisors that Anne Siemer remain Chairman of RPOS and Chuck Feld remain Vice-Chairman for 2018. Mr. Feld seconded the motion. The motion was approved; all in favor

The next RPOS meeting is scheduled for February 19, 2018.

With no public comment, the meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Jensen
RPOS Secretary