

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

March 19, 2018

Chairman Siemer called the meeting to order at 7:07 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
Bob Socash	Member, RPOS Committee
Judy Jensen	Secretary, RPOS Committee

APPROVAL OF THE FEBRUARY 19, 2018 MINUTES

The minutes of the February 19, 2018 RPOS meeting were approved, as written; all in favor.

BILLS

There were no bills presented at tonight's meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mrs. Siemer distributed a listing compiled by the Brandywine Conservancy of the protected land in Birmingham Township. She also presented grant information from the Keystone Recreation Park and Conservation Fund.

SANDY HOLLOW UPDATE

Mrs. Siemer has been in contact with Clevens K9 Scoop, the company that maintains the dog waste station at Sandy Hollow. Clevens said that the waste can is usually about three-quarters full and there seems to be very little litter left on the trail at the park.

RPOS discussed the idea of switching the panel on one of the bigger signs at Birmingham Hill with one of the sign panels at Sandy Hollow. Mr. Rosenthal has information from Pannier, the maker of the sign, on how to switch panels. RPOS also plans to work on a new sign panel for Sandy Hollow. Once a topic is chosen, the text will be given to the Township's Historical Commission for their review. Mr. Socash suggested including a QR Code on the new sign panel.

RPOS is considering replacing the landscaping at Sandy Hollow. Mr. Feld noted that the landscape beds are getting old and many of the plants are not native to this area. Mrs. Siemer said there might be grant funding available that would cover the cost of replacing the landscaping beds.

Mr. Feld said that he contacted MAJIC Landscaping about the price for maintaining Sandy Hollow and Birmingham Hill. He has not heard back from MAJIC yet.

BIRMINGHAM HILL UPDATE

RPOS plans to contact the Brandywine Conservancy to inquire if they are going to take care of the property (land and fencing) on the O'Dell side of the fence along

Meetinghouse Road at Birmingham Hill. Until the committee hears back from the Brandywine Conservancy, Mrs. Siemer suggested that Mr. Feld ask MAJIC if they could add the stretch of land to their maintenance work at Birmingham Hill.

BIRMINGHAM HILL WORKDAY

RPOS members chose April 7 (Saturday) as a workday at Birmingham Hill. They will meet at 9 a.m. in the parking lot. Activities will include replacing rails and posts along the fence. Mr. Feld said he has 12 posts and will pick up 30 rails. At a later date, the committee plans to replace the wood chips along the trail.

The committee discussed the idea of placing another bench at Birmingham Hill. Mr. Feld said that it would be nice to recognize former RPOS member Michael Langer for his service to RPOS by placing a plaque on the bench. Mr. Feld made a motion to recommend to the Board of Supervisors that a new bench be purchased for Birmingham Hill in recognition of Michael Langer. Mr. Rosenthal seconded the motion; the motion was approved; all in favor. Before the motion can be acted on by the Board of Supervisors, RPOS will need to determine the exact cost of the new bench. This information will be discussed at the April RPOS meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Feld will contact Pocopson resident Jerry Barnes, who has generously donated an 1841 Civil War replica cannon to the Township. Students at the Williamson College of the Trades plan to make needed repairs to the cannon. Once the repairs are complete, RPOS will determine where to locate the cannon.

The next RPOS meeting is scheduled for April 16, 2018.

With no public comment, the meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Jensen
RPOS Secretary