

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

April 16, 2018

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
Jim Kelican	Member, RPOS Committee
Bob Socash	Member, RPOS Committee
Dan Hill	Member, Board of Supervisors
Mike Forbes	Chairman, Historical Commission
Judy Jensen	Secretary, RPOS Committee

Absent from the meeting was Chairman Anne Siemer.

APPROVAL OF THE MARCH 19, 2018 MINUTES

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

BILLS

RPOS reviewed two bills at tonight's meeting:

- Brandywine Ace, Pet and Farm – A bill for \$328.50 for 30 rails.
- Gumball Media Services – A bill for \$150 for maintenance at Birmingham Hill, including cutting a large branch that was blocking the trail.

SANDY HOLLOW UPDATE

On Sunday, April 22nd, the Brandywine Battlefield Task Force Steering Committee is hosting a "Civil War Trust Park Day 2018" to help with any cleanup activities that need to be completed at Sandy Hollow.

BIRMINGHAM HILL UPDATE

At the April workday at Birmingham Hill, RPOS members replaced 27 rails and 8 posts on the fencing along the trail.

Mr. Feld noted that a Maple tree near Meetinghouse Road is dying. RPOS will get estimates on the cost to remove the tree.

RPOS also discussed the trail signs at Birmingham Hill. The signs are small and not always easy to interpret for people walking the trail. Kelly Fleming, a member of the Township's Historical Commission, has some ideas on what signs could be used along the trail. Mr. Kelican said he will look into other possibilities for signs and will also speak with Ms. Fleming.

RPOS discussed the idea of placing another bench at Birmingham Hill or Sandy Hollow. 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. Kelican made a motion to recommend to the Board of Supervisors that two new benches be purchased at a cost of

\$658.85 each, plus \$186.91 in shipping. The location for the benches will be either Sandy Hollow or Birmingham Hill. RPOS would like to place a plaque on one of the benches in recognition of former RPOS member Michael Langer's service to RPOS. Mr. Rosenthal seconded the motion. The motion was approved; all in favor.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Forbes of the Township's Historical Commission (HC) noted that the Brandywine Conservancy has an agreement for the remainder of the O'Dell property. He said that David Shields and Sheila Fleming of the Conservancy, as well as the Chester County Planning Commission, are developing plans for preserving the site. The County and Conservancy participants will present more information at the Historical Commission's April 24th meeting. Mr. Forbes attended tonight's RPOS meeting to invite RPOS members to the April 24th HC meeting.

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 May 21, 2018.

With no public comment, the meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Jensen
RPOS Secretary