

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

July 16, 2018

Chairman Siemer called the meeting to order at 7:03 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
Dan Hill	Member, Board of Supervisors
Judy Jensen	Secretary, RPOS Committee

APPROVAL OF THE JUNE 18, 2018 MINUTES

The minutes of the June 18, 2018 RPOS meeting were approved, as written; all in favor.

BILLS

RPOS reviewed a bill from Gumball Media Services for the removal of a Maple tree at Birmingham Hill.

SANDY HOLLOW UPDATE

At the May Board of Supervisors meeting, the supervisors approved the purchase of two benches for Sandy Hollow. At tonight's meeting, Mrs. Siemer noted that the two benches have arrived. RPOS plans to install both benches at Sandy Hollow. A plaque will be placed on one of the benches in recognition of former member Michael Langer's service to RPOS.

BIRMINGHAM HILL UPDATE

RPOS is aware that many people walking the Birmingham Hill trail get confused as to where the trail goes after it crosses Meetinghouse Road. Due to this issue, people sometimes accidentally leave the trail and walk on private property. To help alleviate the problem, RPOS has considered placing more signs on the trail. The committee has also considered installing additional fencing. Mr. Hill recommended that, if additional signage is placed along the trail, RPOS speak with Police Chief Tom Nelling since signs in the right-of-way are regulated.

Due to the Brandywine Conservancy's relationship with the O'Dell property, RPOS believes that it is possible that the Birmingham Hill trail could remain on the O'Dell side of Meetinghouse Road and not have to cross the street. If this is possible then additional signage or fencing would not be needed. Mrs. Siemer has spoken to the Brandywine Conservancy. Until she hears back, no decisions on additional signage and/or fencing will be made.

Mrs. Siemer also asked the Brandywine Conservancy if they will be maintaining the fencing along the O'Dell property. RPOS is currently maintaining the fencing.

SNOW DRIFT AT SANDY HOLLOW

Concerning the snow that tends to drift off Sandy Hollow onto South New Street near the intersection with Birmingham Road, Mrs. Siemer said she has spoken with PennDOT about snow fences. PennDOT recommends using wooden snow fences that are approximately 4-feet tall. The fence is usually placed one foot off the ground. After a discussion, RPOS members unanimously agreed to recommend to the Board of Supervisors that a 4-foot tall wooden snow fence be temporarily placed at Sandy Hollow at a location to be determined after a discussion with Police Chief Tom Nelling. The cost of the temporary fence would be approximately \$110 per 50 feet of fencing.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Rosenthal received a newsletter from Pannier Graphics, the manufacturer of the interpretive signs at Sandy Hollow and Birmingham Hill. Pannier wants to highlight areas that have used their signs. RPOS noted that Mr. Rosenthal should look into this request by Pannier.

Mr. Socash asked if RPOS would like to develop a written policy concerning residents and others who would like to use Sandy Hollow and Birmingham Hill for various events. Mrs. Siemer noted that if RPOS does develop a written policy, the policy should reflect the covenants that were established for Sandy Hollow. She will send the covenants to RPOS members so they can review them. This discussion will be continued at the August RPOS meeting.

The next RPOS meeting is scheduled for August 20, 2018.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Jensen
RPOS Secretary