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

August 20, 2018

Chairman Siemer called the meeting to order at 7:10 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 JULY 16, 2018 MINUTES
The minutes of the July 16, 2018 RPOS meeting were approved, as written; all in favor.

BILLS
RPOS reviewed the following bills from Gumball Media Services:
- A $175 bill to remove a large split section of a tree at Birmingham Hill
- A $120 bill to remove dead tree branches hanging over a bench at Sandy Hollow, as well as remove the lower limbs of a walnut tree that were hanging over the Sandy Hollow path.

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, RPOS made plans to install the benches on August 25th. Mrs. Siemer said she will look into various outlets for purchasing a plaque, which RPOS plans to install on one of the benches in recognition of former RPOS member Michael Langer's service to the committee.

Mrs. Siemer and Mr. Feld met with Police Chief Tom Nelling about the snow that tends to drift off Sandy Hollow onto South New Street near the intersection with Birmingham Road. During the meeting, they discussed possible locations for the installation of a temporary snow fence this winter to deal with the problem of drifting snow. Mrs. Siemer has priced snow fencing from various vendors. In addition to purchasing fencing, posts would also need to be purchased.

After a discussion, RPOS unanimously agreed to recommend to the Board of Supervisors that a 4-foot tall wood snow fence, approximately 200 feet in length, be temporarily placed at Sandy Hollow at a location agreed upon after a discussion with Police Chief Tom Nelling. The cost of the fencing will be between $110 and $130 per 50 feet of fencing. Approximately 25 to 30 stakes will need to be purchased at a cost of $10 to $15 per stake.

RPOS also discussed whether the Township should allow public events to take place at Sandy Hollow. Recently, Planet Fitness asked to use the park to host a 5K run. Committee members have reviewed the covenants that were established for Sandy

Hollow and concluded that the covenants do not support holding public events at Sandy Hollow. Mr. Socash said he will write a statement noting the restrictions on the use of the park as stated in the covenants. He suggested the statement, once approved, be posted on the Township website.

BIRMINGHAM HILL UPDATE
Mrs. Siemer is meeting with Brandywine Conservancy personnel on August 29th to discuss various topics, including trail signage at Birmingham Hill and maintenance of the fence along the O'Dell property. She invited any interested RPOS members to join her at the meeting.

Since many people walking the Birmingham Hill trail do not always know where the trail goes, and therefore sometimes end up walking on private property, Mrs. Siemer said that after the meeting with the Brandywine Conservancy, RPOS will have a better idea of how to mark the trail so that it is more apparent to visitors where the trail actually goes. One item that will be discussed with the Conservancy is whether the trail could stay on the O'Dell side of Meetinghouse Road, rather than cross the road two time as it currently does, which is confusing to people walking the trail.

NEW BUSINESS
Mr. Rosenthal shared a posting about Birmingham Township's history that was posted on a Radley Run neighborhood group website. He felt it was a good resource on the history of the Township and urged RPOS members to read the posting.

The next RPOS meeting is scheduled for September 17, 2018.

With no public comment, the meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Jensen
RPOS Secretary