

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

October 15, 2018

Vice-Chairman Chuck 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
Bob Socash	Member, RPOS Committee
Jim Rosenthal	Member, RPOS Committee
Jim Kelican	Member, RPOS Committee
Dan Hill	Member, Board of Supervisors

Absent from the meeting were Chairman Anne Siemer and Secretary Judy Jensen. Since Mrs. Jensen did not attend this meeting, she is writing the minutes from notes taken for her at the meeting.

APPROVAL OF THE SEPTEMBER 17, 2018 MINUTES

The minutes of the September 17, 2018 RPOS meeting were approved, as written; all in favor.

BILLS

RPOS reviewed a bill for the brass plaque to be placed on one of the benches at Sandy Hollow in recognition of former RPOS member Michael Langer's service to the committee.

SANDY HOLLOW UPDATE

At previous meetings, RPOS has discussed whether the Township should allow public events to take place at Sandy Hollow. At the September meeting, after a discussion and agreement that private events should not be allowed at Sandy Hollow, RPOS unanimously agreed to forward a statement to the Board of Supervisors for their review and if approved be added to the current statement about Sandy Hollow on the Township website.

At tonight's RPOS meeting, it was noted that the statement has been amended and approved by the Board of Supervisors. RPOS members agreed to have the following amended and approved statement posted on the Township website for Sandy Hollow:

Sandy Hollow Heritage Park, 42 acres of preserved open space, much as it was in 1777, allows public access for passive recreation to a portion of the Brandywine Battlefield National Historic Landmark. Established in 2002, the park has a 1.1 mile asphalt path for pedestrians. An interpretive sign acknowledging the historic event is located along the path.

This Battlefield is viewed as hallowed ground due to the sacrifices of the participants on both sides of the conflict. As such, it is intended to be used as a place of reflection, historical education and passive recreation. It is meant to be enjoyed by all. However, unless approved by the Board of Supervisors, no events or organized activities will be

allowed at Sandy Hollow Heritage Park in order to maintain the true intent of the Brandywine Battlefield National Historic Landmark.

The park can be accessed from a parking area on South New Street, north of the intersection of South New Street and Birmingham Road.

BIRMINGHAM HILL UPDATE

The work day at Birmingham Hill is tentatively scheduled for November 17, 2018.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Rosenthal asked for feedback on a news story questionnaire for the Pannier Online Bulletin that he is working on. The story will be published in either the November or December bulletin.

RPOS members questioned whether the temporary snow fence has been ordered.

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

With no public comment, the meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Jensen
RPOS Secretary