

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

November 19, 2018

Chairman Siemer called the meeting to order at 7:00 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
Bob Socash	Member, RPOS Committee
Jim Kelican	Member, RPOS Committee
Judy Jensen	Secretary, RPOS Committee

APPROVAL OF THE OCTOBER 15, 2018 MINUTES

The minutes of the October 15, 2018 RPOS meeting were approved, as written; all in favor.

BILLS

RPOS reviewed a \$37 bill from Right Touch Trophies & Awards, LLC for the plaque for Michael Langer. The plaque will be placed on one of the new benches at Sandy Hollow in recognition of Mr. Langer's service to RPOS. Mrs. Siemer has already paid the bill and needs to be reimbursed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mrs. Jensen distributed the RPOS meeting dates for 2019.

SANDY HOLLOW UPDATE

Mrs. Siemer noted that Lakeside Cultural Care could complete the bushhogging at Sandy Hollow in December. She also noted that Police Chief Tom Nelling and Brian of Gumball Media Services will install the temporary snow fence at Sandy Hollow.

Mrs. Siemer said that the cannon at Sandy Hollow needs to be painted. Last year, on Earth Day, the Friends of the Battlefield helped with various maintenance tasks at the park. Mrs. Siemer thought perhaps they could help RPOS paint the cannon this spring. She will email Andrew Outten at the beginning of the year to ask if the volunteers would have any interest in helping paint the cannon.

BIRMINGHAM HILL UPDATE

RPOS held a workday on Saturday, November 17 during which the committee replaced a number of rails along the fence at Birmingham Hill. The replacement rails came from the O'Dell barn and RPOS was given permission by the Brandywine Conservancy to use the rails. RPOS is grateful to the Brandywine Conservancy for the use of the rails and to John Wagner for his help in gathering up the rails. Since not all the rails are useable, RPOS thought it would be a good idea to sort through the rails at some point this coming spring.

The discussion on additional signage for the Birmingham Hill trail has been tabled until the Brandywine Conservancy confirms exactly where the trail will go along the O'Dell property.

PRESENTATION BY SHEILA FLEMING

Sheila Fleming, of the Brandywine Conservancy, noted that the Brandywine Conservancy can provide planning assistance for the land located behind the Fenceworks property. She also noted that the Birmingham Hill Master Plan has been put on hold for the time being. RPOS members thanked Ms. Fleming for all the planning work she has done for Birmingham Township.

NEW BUSINESS

Mrs. Siemer said that she would like to begin discussing possible topics for the next interpretive signs at Sandy Hollow and Birmingham Hill.

Mr. Rosenthal reviewed a news story questionnaire that he has filled out for Pannier, the company that has been manufacturing the interpretive signs at Sandy Hollow and Birmingham Hill. His answers to the following questions will be compiled into a news story for the Pannier newsletter:

- Describe the project including the type and quantity of panels/frames purchased.
- What purpose does the signage serve?
- What is the importance of the project to the community?
- Why did you choose Panner?
- What made the experience unique for you?
- Is there anything specific you'd like readers to know about the project?

Mrs. Siemer noted that RPOS member Jim Kelican will be stepping down from RPOS at the end of 2018. RPOS members agreed that it was a pleasure working with Jim and that his presence on RPOS will be missed.

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

With no public comment, the meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Jensen
RPOS Secretary