

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

December 17, 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
Dan Hill	Member, Board of Supervisors
Judy Jensen	Secretary, RPOS Committee

APPROVAL OF THE NOVEMBER 19, 2018 MINUTES

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

BILLS

RPOS reviewed a \$450 bill from Gumball Media Services, LLC, to remove a 60-foot tree blocking the trail on Birmingham Hill, as well as branches from another tree that were blocking the trail.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements at tonight's meeting.

SANDY HOLLOW UPDATE

Mrs. Siemer noted that the brushhogging at Sandy Hollow might have to wait because, due to the rain we have had, the ground is still quite wet. Mr. Feld will call Lakeside Cultural Care about the brushhogging. He said the brushhogging could wait until just before spring, which would give the ground time to dry out.

BIRMINGHAM HILL UPDATE

RPOS scheduled a December 27th workday at 8 a.m. to replace rails on the fencing at Birmingham Hill.

PANNIER NEWSLETTER

RPOS complimented Mr. Rosenthal on the article he wrote about Sandy Hollow for the Pannier newsletter. Pannier is the company that manufactures the interpretive signs created by RPOS that have been placed at both Sandy Hollow and Birmingham Hill. Mrs. Siemer added that the article was lovely and that it was a nice reminder that only five years ago, there were no interpretive signs at the two parks. RPOS is proud of the signs they have created, which they feel have gone a long way in educating the public about the historic events that occurred at both parks.

NEW BUSINESS

Mrs. Siemer noted that it was a good, and busy, year for RPOS. The committee held five workdays, with a sixth one planned for later this month. During the workdays, the

committee replaced countless numbers of rails and posts along the fence at Birmingham Hill and completed other maintenance chores. RPOS also installed two new benches at Sandy Hollow. For the coming year, among many projects, RPOS plans to develop two more interpretive signs.

Mrs. Siemer said she received an email from East Bradford Township about a proposed project, partnered with the Battlefield Task Force, to develop a trail from Strodes Mill that will travel in a northerly direction. The email included a survey, which Mrs. Siemer will forward to the RPOS members.

Mr. Rosenthal said that Chester County representatives came to Radley Run to discuss a future Town Walk. When the time comes to plan the Town Walk, Mr. Rosenthal would like ideas from RPOS members on how to include the Brandywine Battlefield into the tours.

Tonight's meeting was the last for Member Jim Kelican whose term on RPOS is up this month. Due to other commitments, Mr. Kelican is stepping down from the committee. He thanked the committee, as well as the Board of Supervisors, for their continued service to the Township and emphasized how much he has enjoyed his time on RPOS. Mrs. Siemer spoke for the committee when she thanked Mr. Kelican for his many years of service to RPOS, noting that his presence on the committee will be greatly missed.

With Mr. Kelican stepping down from RPOS, there is now a vacancy on the committee. Mrs. Jensen said she will put a notice on the website about the RPOS vacancy.

The next RPOS meeting is scheduled for January 21, 2018.

With no public comment, the meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Jensen
RPOS Secretary