

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

October 21, 2019

Chairman Anne Siemer called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. in the Township Building. The following were in attendance:

Anne Siemer	Chairman, RPOS Committee
Chuck Feld	Vice-Chairman, RPOS Committee
Bob Socash	Member, RPOS Committee
Jim Rosenthal	Member, RPOS Committee
Dan Hill	Member, Board of Supervisors
Judy Jensen	Secretary, RPOS Committee

Absent from the meeting was Member Dave Shields.

APPROVAL OF THE SEPTEMBER 16, 2019 MINUTES

The minutes of the September 16, 2019 RPOS meeting were approved, as written; all in favor.

BILLS

There were no bills to review at tonight's meeting.

SANDY HOLLOW UPDATE

Mrs. Siemer said that Brian of Land Art took down five dead trees along South New Street, as well as a very large branch along the trail near Birmingham Road. The total cost for the work was \$1,275.

RPOS noted that the field at Sandy Hollow is being mowed. Mr. Feld said he believes Jamie Hicks is mowing the field to keep the thistle from growing.

Mrs. Siemer said she will contact the blacksmith she met at Chadds Ford Days to inquire about his interest in replacing the wood detail on the Sandy Hollow cannon with metal.

BIRMINGHAM HILL UPDATE

Mrs. Siemer emailed David Shields of the Brandywine Conservancy about the proposed trail markers and bench planned for Birmingham Hill. Mr. Shields said he was fine with both. He thought the bench could be placed near the fence along the Worth property.

Concerning any fencing concerns at Birmingham Hill, RPOS has been told they can direct their concerns to Kevin Fryburger, the Natural Resource Manager at the Brandywine Conservancy. Committee members noted that the section of fencing near the pond is in poor shape. Mrs. Siemer suggested RPOS meet with Mr. Fryburger to discuss the fencing and needed repairs. In addition, since the fencing around the pond would be too big a job for volunteers, Mrs. Siemer said she will contact Fence Works for an estimate on replacing that section of fencing.

2020 BUDGET

At tonight's meeting, RPOS reviewed the 2020 Budget items with Board of Supervisors Member Dan Hill, including the cost of maintaining Sandy Hollow and Birmingham Hill. Last year, RPOS budgeted \$5,500 for maintenance at Sandy Hollow. However, the cost of maintenance this year is totaling closer to \$7000. Therefore, RPOS has increased the Sandy Hollow maintenance budget to \$9,625. Mr. Hill said the supervisors will be discussing the RPOS budget at their public meeting in November.

CLEANUP DAY

RPOS members agreed to meet on November 16 at 8 a.m. at Birmingham Hill to replace rails on fencing along the trail.

NEW BUSINESS

The Brandywine Conservancy is working on a Water Trail Feasibility Study and are hosting a meeting on October 28th at the Brandywine Conservancy at 7 p.m. The Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission will speak at the meeting.

The next RPOS meeting is scheduled for November 18, 2019.

With no public comment, the meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Jensen
RPOS Secretary