

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

March 15, 2021

Chairman Anne Siemer called the Zoom meeting of RPOS to order at 7:05 p.m. The following were in attendance:

Anne Siemer	Chairman, RPOS Committee
Chuck Feld	Vice-Chairman, RPOS Committee
Brian Bonkowski	Member, RPOS Committee
Kathleen Brecker	Member, RPOS Committee
Dan Hill	Member, Board of Supervisors
Judy Jensen	Secretary, RPOS Committee

Absent from the meeting was Member Bob Socash.

APPROVAL OF THE FEBRUARY 15, 2021 MINUTES

The minutes of the February 15, 2021 RPOS meeting were approved, as written; all in favor.

BILLS

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

BIRMINGHAM HILL UPDATE

A tree-removal company was hired to remove a tree on Meetinghouse Road. They disposed of the branches but left the trunk. Mr. Feld has taken care of disposing of the trunk. Mrs. Siemer thanked him for doing so.

Concerning the water that has been flowing from the pond onto Meetinghouse Road, Mrs. Siemer called Kevin Fryberger of the Brandywine Conservancy to tell him about the problem. The Conservancy repaired a pipe and the problem seems to have been fixed.

Mrs. Siemer said RPOS needs to think about placing wood chips on the trail at Birmingham Hill. Mr. Feld also noted that the hillside near the Worth property is eroding. He has suggested that to stop the erosion, 6 inch by 6 inch wood ties should be installed at angles to help send the water back onto the field.

SANDY HOLLOW UPDATE

Part of the fence at Sandy Hollow needs to be repaired. Also, RPOS needs to install the new entrance sign at the park and remove the old sign. RPOS agreed to meet on Saturday, April 3rd, at 8 a.m. at Sandy Hollow to repair the fence and install the new entrance sign.

Mrs. Siemer received an email asking if people are allowed to use metal detectors at the park. Due to the historic nature of the park, no one is permitted to disturb the land. Therefore, metal detectors are not allowed at Sandy Hollow.

LANDSCAPE BIDS

Mr. Feld obtained new bids for landscape work at Sandy Hollow and Birmingham Hill for 2021. The bids were as follows:

- MAJIC: \$17,375.00
- Harwood: \$17480.00

Mr. Socash made a motion to recommend to the Board of Supervisors that MAJIC be awarded the bid to do the landscape work for 2021 as presented in the rebid specifications. Mrs. Brecker seconded the motion. The motion was approved; all in favor.

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Mrs. Siemer attended the zoom meeting of the Historical Commission where the signage proposed by the Brandywine Task Force was discussed. The sign will be a blue marker, placed in Birmingham Hill, and will discuss the events at Birmingham Hill. Similar signs will be placed in the neighboring Townships that have land that was part of the Battle of the Brandywine.

The next RPOS meeting is scheduled for April 19, 2021.

With no public comment, the meeting adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Jensen
RPOS Secretary