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

August 16, 2021

Chairman Anne Siemer called the meeting of the RPOS to order at 7:04 PM in the Birmingham Township Building. A quorum was declared.

The following were in attendance:

Anne Siemer	Chairman, RPOS Committee
Chuck Feld	Vice-Chairman, RPOS Committee
Bob Socash	Member, RPOS Committee
Kathleen Brecker	Member, RPOS Committee
Brian Bonkowski	Member, RPOS Committee
Melissa Urbany	Secretary, RPOS Committee

Absent from the meeting:

Dan Hill	Member, Board of Supervisors
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements at tonight's meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Socash motioned to approve the July 19, 2021 RPOS minutes. Mr. Feld seconded; all in favor.

Bills

There were no bills at tonight's meeting.

Birmingham Hill Update

Ms. Stephanie Armpriester was unable to attend tonight's meeting. Since she has limited availability, she and Ms. Siemer decided via email that the RPOS Committee would meet with Mr. Kevin Fryberger to continue discussing details regarding the trail easement amendment to Birmingham Hill. The group chose September 14th at 4pm and September 8th at 4pm as a backup.

Mr. Feld, Ms. Siemer, and Mr. Matuszewski met and walked along Meetinghouse Rd. Mr. Matuszewski agreed to get estimates for possible tree removal at the end of the year. Mr. Feld is still waiting to hear from him.

Sandy Hollow Update

Mr. Feld was with Brian Matuszewski at Sandy Hollow looking at overgrowth on the path. He will contact Majic Landscapes, who cuts the grass to address trimming the edges.

Following up on the milkweed discussion from last month, Mr. Jamie Hicks informed Mr. Feld that his father was the one who mowed it. Mr. Hicks asked his father to refrain from doing so in the future. The RPOS Committee still would like “do not mow” signs to be put up eventually just to be on the safe side.

New Business

The estimate for next year’s RPOS budget is due at the end of September. Mr. Feld asked that if anyone has landscaper recommendations, to please send them his way so he can start getting bids together now. Mr. Socash mentioned that redoing flower beds at Sandy Hollow was discussed in the past and that it may be something they should budget for as the Reenactment is approaching. Mr. Feld also mentioned that the bed under the Birmingham Hill sign needs attention. The group decided that rather than use the RPOS budget for these projects, they will meet in the fall and clean them up themselves. They will decide on a date at the next meeting. Ms. Siemer stated she will work on a preliminary budget this month and hopefully have an updated outline to share with the group at the September meeting.

The next RPOS meeting is scheduled for September 20, 2021.

Ms. Siemer motioned to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Brecker seconded; All in favor. With no further business and with no public comment, the meeting was adjourned at 7:42 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa Urbany
RPOS Secretary