

Birmingham Township

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

December 20, 2021

Chairman Anne Siemer called the meeting of the RPOS to order at 7:09 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
Kathleen Brecker	Member, RPOS Committee
Brian Bonkowski	Member, RPOS Committee
Dan Hill	Member, Board of Supervisors
Melissa Urbany	Secretary, RPOS Committee

The following were not in attendance:

Bob Socash	Member, RPOS Committee
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

After dedicating many years to serving on the RPOS Committee, Ms. Siemer announced that she is resigning as she will be moving out of the Township. Tonight will be her last meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Brecker motioned to approve the November 15, 2021 RPOS minutes. Mr. Bonkowski seconded; All in favor.

BILLS

1. LandArt submitted two separate bills totaling \$395. The first was for a visit to Birmingham Hill and the second for storm cleanup at Sandy Hollow.
2. Cel's Tree Care submitted a bill totaling \$4,875 for tree removal.
3. Additional fence rails were purchased from Pocopson Ace Hardware. \$398.70 was charged to the Township's account.

Birmingham Hill Update

Cel's Tree Care completed tree removal last week. They were able to take down an additional dead Maple for \$875.

Ms. Siemer met with Mr. Kevin Fryberger to discuss the new historical marker. Mr. Fryberger was fine with the sign's wording, and also understood concerns regarding viewshed. He stated that whichever placement RPOS decides on would be fine with the Conservancy. Ms. Siemer likes the idea of placing it by the bed that's closest to the cemetery; it will not interfere with cars pulling in and out. She plans to email Mr. Michael Forbes to move forward and ask about a timeline. Plans for the rest of the property were also discussed with Mr. Fryberger. He believes it will be a while before everything falls into place so it should not impact the marker.

Mr. Fryberger asked about adding signage to the parking lot to read "closes at dusk," as there have been a few cars parked there after dark. Ms. Siemer brought the idea up to Chief Nelling, and he felt at this point a sign is not necessary as there have only been three reported instances of this in 2021. Instead, he will ask officers to keep a closer eye on the area.

Mr. Feld has been replacing rails so the fence is looking great.

Regarding last month's discussion of adding more flags to the fenceline, Ms. Siemer reached out and found that Brandywine Battlefield Park on Route 1 will restock flags in the Spring. The cost is \$10 per flag.

Sandy Hollow Update

Overall, Sandy Hollow has been looking fine. Mr. Feld was able to clean up some of the mess that was caused by the storms.

New Business

There was no new business at tonight's meeting.

The next RPOS meeting is scheduled for January 17, 2022 at 7PM.

Ms. Siemer motioned to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Bonkowski seconded; All in favor. With no further business and with no public comment, the meeting was adjourned at 7:46 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa Urbany
RPOS Secretary