

# **Birmingham Township**

## **Chester County**

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

**June 19, 2023**

Chairman Chuck Feld called the meeting of Recreation, Parks and Open Space to order at 7:00 PM in the Birmingham Township Building. A quorum was declared.

#### **The following were in attendance:**

Chuck Feld	Chairman, RPOS Committee
Brian Bonkoski	Vice-Chairman, RPOS Committee
Stan Benarick	Member, RPOS Committee
Doreen O'Neill	Member, RPOS Committee
Melissa Urbany	Secretary, RPOS Committee

#### **Absent:**

Dan Hill	Member, Board of Supervisors
Bob Socash	Member, RPOS Committee

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mr. Bonkoski motioned to approve last month's minutes. Ms. O'Neill seconded. The May 15, 2023 RPOS minutes were unanimously approved.

#### **Review Bills**

RPOS members reviewed a bill from Majik Landscaping for trimming around the fence posts at Birmingham Hill.

#### **Birmingham Hill Update**

#### **New Flags**

Mr. Bonkoski visited the Brandywine Museum for the purpose of purchasing new Birmingham flags and is currently waiting to receive a discounted price of approximately twenty as they are typically \$23/flag. RPOS members feel that \$23 per flag is expensive and they could find a better price, possibly on Etsy. The idea of replacing the Birmingham flag with another was also discussed; possibly "Don't Tread on Me."

#### **Worth Easement**

Mr. Feld obtained the Worth Property easement from the Brandywine Conservancy to view the section discussing who assumes responsibility of a portion of fence, as it's never been taken

care of by the Township, due to the fact it was believed to be owned by the Brandywine Conservancy. As it turns out, it is owned by the Worths, so the Township is responsible for its maintenance which will need to be added into the landscape budget.

Mr. Feld also confirmed in the easement that the use of pesticides is acceptable as long as they are used in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations.

### **Park Day July 20**

Thursday, July 20th is National Pennsylvania Day.

Mr. Feld asked everyone to be on the lookout for any information regarding the Lafayette Parade.

Lastly, Mr. Feld is meeting with Fence Authority next week to discuss details on replacing the fence at Birmingham Hill.

### **Sandy Hollow Update**

#### **Poison Hemlock**

A resident called to inform the Township of approximately 8ft tall poison hemlock along the woods next to the trail near the Spackman property. Mr. Feld was able to spray weed killer on it.

#### **Bench**

Another resident inquired about putting a memorial bench at Sandy Hollow. RPOS members discussed possible options as the park does not currently need another bench. Ms. O'Neill volunteered to research what other townships/cities do in these situations.

The fence at the corner by S. New St. needs repair. Mr. Bonkoski plans to fix it the next time he's there.

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### **New Business**

Another member of Boy Scout Troop 31 was present at tonight's meeting to observe and take notes for a merit badge.

**The next RPOS meeting is scheduled for July 17, 2023.**

Mr. Bonkoski motioned to adjourn the meeting. Ms. O'Neill seconded; all in favor. With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:27 PM.

**Respectfully submitted,**

Melissa Urbany  
RPOS Secretary