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

November 20, 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
Dan Hill	Member, Board of Supervisors
Melissa Urbany	Secretary, RPOS Committee

Not in attendance:

Bob Socash	Member, RPOS Committee
Doreen O'Neill	Member, RPOS Committee

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Bonkoski motioned to approve last month's minutes. Mr. Benarick seconded. The October 16, 2023 RPOS minutes were unanimously approved.

Review Bills

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

Budget Approved

The budget was approved at \$15,000 for Birmingham Hill and \$15,000 for Sandy Hollow.
Remaining BH \$2269.10
Remaining SH \$2246.00 (-\$1,400 for clearing around the trail)

Birmingham Hill Update

The group recently had a work party and were able to replace posts and rails. Mr. Feld noted that the Conservancy recently cleaned up around the pond and around the new bench.

Tree Removal on Trail

There's not enough leftover in the budget for tree removal so it will be used to purchase new rails instead.

Rails for 2024

Mr. Feld plans to pick up rails for this upcoming year with the remaining budget.

Sandy Hollow Update

Deerfield Mowing used a special machine to clear around the trail last Saturday and it's looking much cleaner. It should be done every couple of years to keep down overgrowth.

Mr. Feld received a call again regarding the bench topic. He's interested to know if someone did in fact purchase a bench or plaque, where the donation would go.

Cannon Repair

Mr. Bonkoski reached out to CZ Woodworking regarding repairing the cannon. He received a rough estimate of 25-30 hours at \$125/hour. The group discussed whether the high cost would be worth it to extend the cannon's life; Mr. Hill believes it could be around fifteen years old. Mr. Feld is also waiting for a quote, but in the meantime suggested as a back up plan, it could be moved to his shop in January to work on over the winter. Lastly, Mr. Feld noted that he'd like for someone to take photos of the restoration process to post on the Township's website.

New Business

There was no new business at tonight's meeting.

The next RPOS meeting is scheduled for December 18, 2023.

Mr. Benarick motioned to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Bonkoski seconded; all in favor. With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:14 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa Urbany
RPOS Secretary