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GLEN ROCK BOROUGH AWARDED DCED GRANT FOR PROJECT 2016

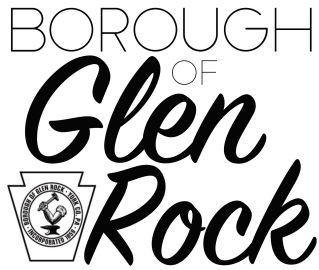
RENOVATIONS TO THE GLEN ROCK COMMUNITY PARK WILL PROVIDE ADA ACCESSIBILITY AND THE ADDITION OF A DOG PARK

Glen Rock, PA – July 7, 2016 – Last week, Glen Rock Borough was awarded the Greenways, Trails and Recreation Program Grant from the Pennsylvania Department of Community & Economic Development (DCED). The Glen Rock Recreation Board applied for the grant in June of 2015 on behalf of the Glen Rock Borough. The purpose of the DCED grant is specifically for “Projects which involve development, rehabilitation and improvements to public parks, recreation areas, greenways, trails and river conservation.”

Glen Rock was awarded the \$150,510 grant by outlining an ambitious plan to upgrade and expand the community park located at 5400 Fair School Road, which they dubbed *Project 2016* in honor of the original Glen Rock Community Park development, *Project '76*. *Project '76* began after Hurricane Agnes destroyed the original ball fields located in downtown Glen Rock in 1972. Immediately following the Hurricane, Daniel Jesse Mays, an avid ball player and Glen Rock resident formed the first Glen Rock Recreation Board in an effort to revitalize the Borough and replace the destroyed ball fields. Mr. Mays was instrumental in the development of the Glen Rock Community Park, serving as the first Recreation Board Chairman and as the architect for *Project '76*. According to his obituary, he “considered *Project '76* his most cherished accomplishment.”

Mays passed away at 90 years old on Tuesday, June 9, 2015 as our current Recreation Board was working on the *Project 2016* DCED grant application. In honor of his pioneering dedication to the Borough of Glen Rock as the founding member of the Glen Rock Recreation Board and the successful completion of *Project '76*, *Project 2016* will be dedicated to the memory of Daniel Jesse Mays.

The improvements planned for *Project 2016* will include making play equipment and pathways meet current safety and accessibility standards, replacing old play equipment, and also adding a dog park for both large and small dogs. It is the intention of the Recreation Board to create a destination that encourages a healthy lifestyle for the families of Glen Rock Borough and Southern York County, making the park accessible



to all, and creating a place for dog owners to safely gather with their pets, and allow their dogs to be properly socialized and get exercise.

State Representative Kate Klunk, serving the 169th Legislative District, and her team championed *Project 2016* via letters of support and frequent follow-ups with the funding committee. Additionally, Glen Rock's neighboring municipalities offered support in the form of letters and in-kind services. Shrewsbury Township paved an ADA compliant parking area adjacent to the pavilion last autumn in preparation for improvements, Codorus Township and Shrewsbury Township plan to assist with the removal of the old playground equipment, and the York County Board of Commissioners hoped to provide additional financial support if needed.

The dog park portion of *Project 2016* has been very popular, with monetary donations collected from countless Southern York County residents and businesses over the last 18 months, including sizable sponsorships from Country Comfort Kennels & Camp for Pets, Bark of the Town Pet Salon, VCA Old Trail Animal Hospital, Sons of the American Legion Austin L. Grove Post 403, and Deena Pace, REALTOR®. Also, Kelly Dorn, an individual supporter of the dog park project, donated five handmade wooden park benches. All of these contributions, including the in-kind offerings, will be used towards the matching portion of the DCED grant.

Project 2016 is tentatively set to begin as soon as funding is released and weather permits. For further information and updates on *Project 2016*, visit the Glen Rock Borough website at www.glenrockpa.org, the Glen Rock Borough Facebook page [here](#), or the Glen Rock Dog Park Facebook page [here](#).

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