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AWARD-WINNING PEARSON PARK IN NESHANNOCK TOWNSHIP TO UNDERGO MAJOR IMPROVEMENTS

Neshannock Township, Lawrence County, PA (February, 2024) – Neshannock Township will host a groundbreaking event for Pearson Park Phase II Improvements on February 28, 11 a.m. New pickleball courts, a park office with accessible restrooms, and trail connections are some of the enhancements that will be made to the park, which in 2023 earned a Great Public Space award from the Pennsylvania Chapter of the American Planning Association (APA-PA). Township Supervisor Leslie Bucci says, “Improvements to Pearson Park enjoy broad public support and were identified as a high priority in our 2017 Comprehensive Plan Update and subsequent Recreation Plan. This project will enhance one of our greatest assets and add to Neshannock’s high quality of life.” The new park office will include an equipment storage facility that will enable more park programming, which will generate more revenue to support park maintenance.

Financial support for Phase II improvements has been provided by Pennsylvania’s Dept. of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) and Dept. of Community and Economic Development (DCED). In addition to DCNR funds, a very generous donation from the Preston Family and Preston Toyota is assisting in the completion of the new pickleball courts. Engineering services are being provided by Gateway Engineering, and contracting will be provided by Giordano Construction, Central Heating & Plumbing, and McCurley Houston Electric. Total costs for Pearson Park Phase II Improvements are approximately \$750,000. Construction is expected to be completed this summer and will happen concurrently with a complete renovation to the park’s Hutchison Community Center and construction of a park maintenance building completed by GEM Inc. Since 2018, Neshannock Township has been awarded nearly \$1 million in grant funds from DCED and DCNR, matching the Township’s own financial contributions to make these critical improvements to Pearson Park. This groundbreaking event will take place on Pearson Park Drive, near the park office.