



## Department Head Report

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### 1. Kennett Greenway on Chandler Mill Road

On August 30<sup>th</sup> DCED reached out about the Chandler Mill Multimodal Transportation Fund application. They stated we must reduce our request amount to \$1.3 million, since the Township was awarded the \$1.7 million in 2017. Since this is essentially the same project, the \$3 million maximum award amount would still apply. The Township provided an updated funding commitment letter increasing the Township match to \$50,000. The resolution authorized the Township to provide “any necessary matching funds to complete the project” so no revisions are needed to the resolution.

### 2. Mushroom Festival

The Board of Supervisors and members of the Kennett Township team attended the Mushroom Festival in the Borough of Kennett Square. Congratulations to the Mushroom Festival Committee for a successful event that brought many to our community. The mushroom industry is a global industry that connects much of the world to our community and celebrating them is a worthy cause.

### 3. Spar Hill

The Board of Supervisors acted at the first September Board of Supervisors meeting to give direction to the Township staff to prepare a Request for Proposal to demolish and preserve certain structures at the historic Spar Hill Farm. The Finance Department is authoring this RFP and it will come back to the Board of Supervisors for consideration before publishing. The next public meeting to discuss the RFP is expected to be in October 2022.

### 4. Kennett Greenway on Chandler Mill Road

The Township staff and Greenway consultants are continuing to work with property owners on Chandler Mill Road to acquire right of way for the Kennett Greenway project. In addition, the Township awaits to hear about a \$1.3M multimodal fund transportation grant to defray Township expenses. Lastly, the Township is exploring a Department of Conservation and Natural Resources grant to determine if the Kennett Greenway project would be a competitive application.

### 5. Sewer Capacity

The Township staff along with the Solicitor and Engineer recommended the Board repeal Resolution 2006-14 (see PBS dated September 21, 2022, on the matter). In that briefing provided to the Board it outlines the lack of capacity at the Borough’s plant needed to meet the growth demands facing our community. In approximately 5 years, the Borough’s plant will be at maximum capacity and unable to

serve any additional connections. This means that development in and outside of the Borough will be halted until the plant can be upgraded. Depending on the project, sewer plant upgrades can be tens of millions. A moratorium on sewer connections will have cascading effects on affordable housing, new development, redevelopment, and infill projects. The Borough and Township are in the early stages of planning for plant capacity increase.

Respectfully Submitted.

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