



Department Head Report

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1. Kennett Greenway

The Township is continuing to make progress with the Kennett Greenway on Chandler Mill Road. We are working with property owners to obtain easements and rights of way where necessary. Permits for the project have been submitted and are under review by the Commonwealth. The Township plans to put the project out to bid for an award on construction to begin in the 2023 construction season.

2. Flats Connection Trail

At the direction of the Board, the Township is evaluating options for a trail to connect the Kennett Flats to Anson Nixon Park. Township residents who reside at the Flats should have an easier pedestrian access to Anson Nixon Park rather than crossing Walnut Road on foot.

3. Department of Conservation and Natural Resources Grant- Open Space Opportunity

The Board of Supervisors of Kennett Township authorized a \$300,000 grant application to the DCNR to offset the costs of a potential open space acquisition. The Department did not award funding to the grant during this cycle. The Board may make re-application for a future grant round.

4. Department of Conservation and Natural Resources Grant- Kennett Greenway

The Board of Supervisors of Kennett Township authorized a \$570,000 grant application to the DCNR to offset the costs of the Kennett Greenway on Chandler Mill Road. The Department did not award funding to the grant during this cycle. The Board may make re-application for a future grant round.

5. Police Server- Failure

The server that the Township Police Department operates on experienced a catastrophic failure per the diagnosis of our IT Consultant, AllCovered. The Township is told that no data was breached, hacked, stolen, or otherwise compromised and that servers do have a lifecycle. The current server lasted four years with an expected life cycle of 5+ years. The Township is submitting a claim to HP who we have a warranty on the server through. Estimates to replace the server, if necessary, are \$15,000 inclusive of installation fees. The Police Department is currently operating on a backup server provided by AllCovered.

Respectfully Submitted.
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