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GREENE TOWNSHIP AWARDED GRANT TO ADVANCE THE LETTERKENNY SPORTS COMPLEX

Greene Township, Franklin County – The Pennsylvania Governor’s Office of the Budget awarded Greene Township \$1.5 million from its Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program (RACP) to construct the Letterkenny Sports Complex at the Cumberland Valley Business Park.

The township has been engaging with local sports organizations, sports facility advisors, architects, engineers, and stakeholders of comparable facilities to design the best indoor and outdoor complex that aligns with the demands in Franklin County. Consequently, the site of the complex has been well vetted, as both feasibility and market analysis have been completed. Currently, the closest indoor court tournament facilities are in Boyds, MD or Manheim, PA. Overall, the complex will improve the health and well-being of residents, bring vital jobs to the community, and act as an economic development catalyst for the region.

“We are a municipality that cares greatly about the future of our community,” Greene Township Board of Supervisors Chairman Todd Burns said. “We are extremely grateful to Rep. Kauffman and Sen. Mastriano for their ongoing efforts to support this project, and we look forward to beginning the next phase of our multi-year effort to address the recreation needs and expand the team sport opportunities in the area.”

Extracurricular activities, like sports, are used as a means of developing leadership skills, confidence, team-building, and healthy character in youth. Unfortunately, South Central PA has a distinct lack of practice and game space for these outlets. Limited facilities result in youth, as young as elementary school, having to travel up to an hour during the week for practice, or having practice times as late as 9 p.m.

“The township is invested in providing needed recreational facilities for our region. Reuse of remaining lands at LIDA (Letterkenny Industrial Development Authority) for this purpose will turn the former federal lands into something beneficial for the entire community,” said Rep. Rob Kauffman. “A new indoor/outdoor sports facility will be a welcome addition to the Chambersburg area, and I look forward to seeing this project get underway.”

The complex will feature best-in-class recreational assets, such as multisport synthetic turf fields and hardwood multiuse indoor courts, which will enable high-quality tournaments and matches to be hosted at the venue for a wide variety of sports. The township is particularly interested in designing the complex

to meet the community's recreational needs. The complex will serve as a recreation center for local residents, a destination for traveling sports players and teams, and as a social and economic hub for South Central Pennsylvania.

The construction of the complex is part of the ongoing redevelopment of the Cumberland Valley Business Park, formerly the Letterkenny Army Depot. In 1995, the Federal Base Realignment and Closure Commission downsized the Army Depot, and the community received 1,200 acres of land, buildings, and utilities to be redeveloped as a business park, providing a unique opportunity for economic development. Additionally, construction for the entire complex is estimated to support 156 full-time-equivalent construction-phase jobs.

The most recent RACP grant award was one of approximately 400 awards, and one of only four funded in Franklin County.

Please send any questions or comments to Todd Burns, Township Supervisor, at tburns@greenetwp.us