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Eagle Scout Project Enhances Township Nature Trail

Lower Saucon Township, PA – October 28, 2008: An Eagle Scout project has improved and enhanced a Nature Trail at Lower Saucon Township's Town Hall Park.

Located at 3700 Old Philadelphia Pike, Bethlehem, PA, Town Hall Park is a township owned park that contains playing fields, two playgrounds, a picnic pavilion and a lighted basketball court. In addition, the park contained a Nature Trail constructed years ago that was long overdue for some updating and attention.

In 2007, Michael J. (MJ) Roche from Boy Scout Troop 319 approached the Township with an idea of making improvements to the Nature Trail for his Eagle Scout project. During the winter and spring of 2008, MJ worked on researching the flora and fauna native to the trail area and inspected the trail with an expert from the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) to help with his plans for the trail improvements. As a result of his research, MJ designed four (4) interpretative trail signs that were placed along the trail with the help of the Township Public Works Department to provide visitors with information about the trees and plants that can be found growing there. In addition, during this past summer, MJ and his helpers removed numerous non-native plants that had been growing along the trail and replaced them with twenty-five (25) native Spice Bush, Winterberry and Witch Hazel plants; refurbished the Nature Trail sign at the entrance to the trail, and repaired the foot bridge along the trail.

On Saturday, October 25, 2008, Glen Kern, President of the Lower Saucon Township Council presented MJ with a Council Resolution recognizing and commending him for his work on the Nature Trail.

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