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Town of Morristown to host groundbreaking for Kleitman Woods Park *Park slated to open late summer 2017*

MORRISTOWN, NEW JERSEY -- The Town of Morristown and Mayor Timothy Dougherty will be hosting a groundbreaking ceremony for the new Kleitman Woods Park Project on Monday, June 5, 2017 at 11 a.m. Located at the corner of Wallace and Hillcrest Avenues in Morristown, Mayor Dougherty will be speaking about the park's upcoming improvements.

The two-acre property will be named in honor of its former inhabitants, Milton and Bertha Kleitman, who purchased the property in the 1940's. Morristown obtained the property for open space in 2012 for \$350,000 under the Green Acres Funding Program, with intentions of preserving it for open space. Based on the feedback from design workshops held between neighborhood residents and the Morristown Planning Division, the Morristown Engineering Division, with assistance from the Environmental Commission, drafted the final design for the Kleitman Woods Park Project earlier this year.

"Thanks to the possibilities provided by the Green Acres funding program, we are able to preserve open spaces and I believe Kleitman Woods Park creates more opportunity for families to be active and enjoy the outdoors," said Mayor Dougherty.

Construction plans include leveling of the existing grass clearing to afford an open grass play area, installation of boulder walls, landscaping, picnic tables and stone dust paths, one of which will lead into the wooded section to benches on the summit of the hill. This project is meant to preserve the natural aesthetic of the site, while creating a place of passive recreation and gathering for residents.

Construction is expected to follow shortly after the groundbreaking and be substantially complete later this summer. At the May 23, 2017 council meeting, a contract for \$234,180 was awarded to T. Fiotakis Construction, LLC out of Edison, NJ.

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