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Kennett Township and Kennett Borough, PA, November 13, 2016 - The Kennett Area Park Authority announces that Gessler Construction Company, Inc. of Media, PA will construct a new entrance and other improvements at the Anson B. Nixon Park. The park is located partially in Kennett Township and Kennett Borough, in Chester County, PA and will be funded by grants from the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR), Chester County Municipal Grant Program and Kennett Township. In addition, Longwood Gardens is providing donations of soil and planting materials, and Kennett Square Borough and the Brandywine Red Clay Alliance are providing in-kind donations of staff time for tree planting.

Gessler was selected from among six bidders who submitted their bids on October 23, 2016.

Improvements include relocating the park entrance approximately 1,000 feet north of the existing entrance to allow safer access from North Walnut Street. A new asphalt roadway will be built where an existing trail now exists and innovative stormwater infiltration facilities will be constructed to manage runoff. A new planting area will be installed and the existing trail will be relocated. In addition, a new 18 space porous paving parking lot, including two (2) handicapped spaces, will be located near the existing volley ball courts. While some trees will be removed to make way for the new entrance roadway, the road alignment was carefully planned to minimize tree removal.

Future improvements include the installation of a half-acre fenced in Dog Park. A future announcement will be made when this installation will occur.

Construction is scheduled to begin the week of November 14, 2016, and be complete in 6 to 8 weeks, weather permitting. The existing entrance on North Walnut is scheduled to be closed permanently to patron traffic beginning the week of November 21, 2016. Park patrons are requested to use the parking lot near the soccer fields until the new entrance is opened.

ABOUT Anson B. Nixon Park (Owned and Operated by the Kennett Area Park Authority)

Located on North Walnut Street, just off State Street, Anson B. Nixon Park is a hidden gem nestled just north of charming downtown Kennett Square, Pennsylvania. Comprised of 106 acres, the Park was carved out of the historic woodlands of the late 18th through early 20th century Chambers estate. This natural setting includes two ponds, meandering streams, woodlands (including a beech grove with specimens dating back over 250 years), and three miles of walking trails.

Anson B. Nixon Park has many exciting events including the Trout Rodeo, the Kennett Run, disc golf tournaments, and a summer concert series. Other events open to the public include dance performances, plays, and nature programs. The park is open from dawn until dusk daily.