

**TO:** Hamburg Township Board of Trustees

**FROM:** Deby Henneman, Township Coordinator

**DATE:** February 19, 2025

**AGENDA ITEM TOPIC:** Adopt A Feature/Garden Program - Updates

Number of Supporting Documents: **1 Adopt A Feature/Garden Packet**

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### **Requested Action**

**Requesting adoption of all documents pertaining to the Hamburg Township Adopt a Feature/Garden Program as provided in the packet which includes Procedure, Site Maps, Inventory, and Applications.**

Note: First reading was February 18, 2025. Procedure to be added to the Parks & Recreation Policies & Procedure Manual.

### **Background**

Since implementing the Adopt a Tree/Garden/Bench program in 2020, we have made a few changes which I would like approved before I codify the Park & Recreation Policies and Procedures. I have updated the applications to include “features” such as Little Libraries, which have been popular with some residents, as well as larger items such as playground equipment, picnic tables, or pavilions. Pricing for these features are handled on a case-by-case basis with the applicant since the pricing varies based on the project.

We have taken advantage of some end of year pricing in order to carry inventory, so that when a resident is interested in having something installed for a specific date or timeframe, we can accommodate them. Timing has been a problem in the past with lagging supply chain. The sheet included in the packet is our current inventory, which is subject to change if we receive an order.

Once approved, I plan to advertise for opportunities we have in West Park in our “Park Within A Park” project slated to start this summer. It would be nice to have more Universally accessible play areas installed along the interior pathway we will be installing. There is also an opportunity to expand the Adult Workout area with some cool features I’m very excited to chat about.

It has been a great pleasure to help residents with their special projects and to find a special place to install features in honor of their loved one. The resident driven projects have been some of my favorite things to work on to date. I would like to thank the Township for continuing to support this effort, which provides amazing amenities to all of our residents and visitors by way of donations by our citizens.