

October 27, 2022

Petersburg Borough Assembly

assembly@petersburgak.gov

Re: Bike Skills Park Project Support

Dear Assembly:

We, the Parks & Rec Advisory Board, hereby voice our unanimous support for the Bike Skills Park Project planned for recreation parcel #01-014-600 at the corner of Haugen Drive and Sandy Beach Road to begin as soon as possible. Our support for this project is based upon the widespread enthusiasm from the community received by our Advisory Board via comments made on the record in person at three recent meetings, in emails to the Advisory Board and to our Assembly, and in Facebook comments and in-person conversations.

During our regular meeting on September 29, 2022, the Advisory Board was introduced to the idea of a Bike Skills Park across the road from Sandy Beach Park with a presentation from Pat Blair of Wheelhouse Bikes. After this meeting, our Parks & Rec Director Stephanie Payne solicited public comments about the project through the Assembly and Advisory Board Member Malena Marvin solicited public comments through Facebook. During this process we received both enthusiastic comments in support of a Bike Skills Park and a few follow-up questions about certain aspects of the project.

To further address these comments and questions about the Bike Skills Park Project, Parks & Rec held a work session on October 20, 2022, where we received a presentation from Sig Burrell of Rock-N-Road Construction, who has volunteered to help construct and maintain this park as a donation to the community free of charge. The feedback from the community at this work session was quite enthusiastic; we received multiple requests to begin as soon as possible.

On October 27, 2022 we held a Special Meeting to discuss the result of the work session and to vote on whether the Parks & Rec Advisory Board would write a letter in support of the Bike Skills Park Project to the assembly. In this meeting, we the Parks & Rec Advisory Board voted in unanimous support of this Bike Skills Park Project planned for recreation parcel #01-014-600. We further show our support for the project with this letter for the Assembly's consideration.

Sincerely yours,

Parks & Rec Advisory Board