

## **Hunterdon County Accepts Memorial Donations To Add Beauty And Places Of Rest In County Parks**

The Hunterdon County Board of Commissioners, at the August 17<sup>th</sup> meeting, approved of several memorial donations made to the Hunterdon County Division of Parks & Recreation, to enhance the beauty of the parks and offer places of rest for patrons.

Commissioner Zachary T. Rich said, "Supporting the beautification of our parks, a four-season destination for all to enjoy, is the easy part of our role as Commissioners. Planting trees, which lasts for decades, placing benches for comfort and approving memorial plaques, gives all those who visit a chance to pause and reflect.

The county's parks are an enduring legacy of this and previous Boards, as we have faithfully committed to increasing Open Space and Parklands, and which has been consistently done."

Upon the recommendation of the County Parks and Open Space Advisory Committee (POSAC), the Commissioners approved the donation of three dogwood trees and a memorial plaque at Deer Path Park from Linda Batz, in memory of Alois Martin Batz, Sr., a memorial ornamental poplar tree and plaque at the County Arboretum from the Dolan Family, in memory of Joseph Dolan, a memorial bench at Heron Glen Golf Course, from the McCreesh Family, in memory of Jake McCreesh, and a memorial Tulip Poplar tree and plaque at Deer Path Park from Michele Robbins, in memory of Mary Ellen Martir.

Hunterdon County's parks have been cited for several years as having record trends of visitors and for the thousands of acres of trails with scenic vistas and earning national accolades as "Healthiest County" because of the outdoor activity available here.

Dan Bush, Parks Division Head, said, "The Parks & Recreation Division is appreciative for the support of our many Parks patron's and friends. Not only are we able to increase the beautification of the parks, but we are paying tribute with memorial plaques which are also being dedicated in Deer Path Park, the county's Arboretum and at Heron Glen."

Commissioner Director Susan J. Soloway added, "The preservation of our parks is an example of the Commissioner Board's promise to future generations, as Commissioner Rich said.

Approving the planting of trees and the placement of benches, and memorial plaques, is another example of the Board working together to keep the county as natural as possible, bringing the beauty Hunterdon County offers to its posterity."

For park information, visit [parks@co.hunterdon.nj.us](mailto:parks@co.hunterdon.nj.us) or for information about Heron Glen visit <https://www.heronglen.com/>.