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## **Eagle Scout Completes ADA-Accessible Fishing Pier Project for East Fallowfield Township**

**EAST FALLOWFIELD, PA** (December 1, 2020) - East Fallowfield Township Community Park is the location of a new ADA-accessible fishing pier, thanks to a PECO Green Region grant and the perseverance of Eagle Scout candidate Dylan Florschutz.

A ribbon-cutting ceremony took place at the pier on November 19, 2020 to honor this accomplishment. Attendees included representatives from East Fallowfield Township's Board of Supervisors, township staff, Dylan's friends and family, and a representative from PA State Representative Dan Williams' office.

At the ribbon-cutting ceremony, Township Manager Scott Swichar congratulated Dylan for completing his Eagle Scout service project, and explained how the partnership began:

"Dylan came to us almost a year ago and expressed interest in completing his Eagle Scout service project in our township." As Dylan and Mr. Swichar brainstormed potential projects, Mr. Swichar mentioned that he had seen someone in a wheelchair who was trying to fish at the pond, but, could not get close enough to the pond's edge because of the mud. "Dylan's eyes lit up when we discussed the possibility of building an ADA-accessible fishing pier," he continued. "I explained that this would be a huge undertaking, but Dylan was up for the challenge."

Dylan spent countless hours planning his project, fundraising, and researching the ADA requirements. He also completed building permit applications with the Township's zoning and code inspector and worked with the Township's maintenance crew to ensure the walkway to the pier was properly paved. "In the process, Dylan learned how to navigate local government and gained an inside perspective on how government works," said Swichar.

“We are very much aware of how much time and effort went into this project,” said Joe Heffern, the Vice-Chairman for the Board of Supervisors of East Fallowfield Township. “Dylan displayed exemplary leadership, skill, and dedication to our township, and we thank him for that.”

The wooden pier, which measures approximately 12' x 12', includes a guard rail as well as a paved area that connects the pier to the walking path. Individuals can now travel the entire route along the walking path from the parking area to the pier, which is located at the pond's edge.

In March, the East Fallowfield Township Trail Improvement Project was awarded \$7,500 in grant funding from the PECO Green Region Open Space Program, which was to be used for projects that improve environmental sustainability.

“Dylan is a shining example of the importance of scouting, and how to contribute to your community,” commented PA State Representative Dan Williams’ office. “The ADA-accessible fishing pier is a substantial addition to East Fallowfield Township Park, and will allow more people to enjoy the park and fishing locally. Sincere congratulations to Dylan for a job very well done!”

The rank of Eagle Scout is the highest in Boy Scouts, and requires that those attaining it complete an approved project, as well as a requisite number of merit badges and rank advancements “We are proud of the partnerships being forged with our local scouting organizations,” concluded Mr. Swichar.