

THE CIVIC LEAGUE FOR NEW CASTLE COUNTY

RESOLUTION

IN SUPPORT OF THE ACQUISITION OF A REGIONAL PARK ON ROUTE 4 AT OGLETOWN POND

WHEREAS, the Ogletown area has developed to the point public recreational land is needed by its residents for soccer and other sports; and

WHEREAS, an important natural area of forest and wetlands through which trails exist is still available for preservation as an environmental asset for the region; and

WHEREAS, a very large tract of land on Chestnut Hill Road including the natural area and open fields is owned by Felician Sisters who have applied to develop it for dense residential housing on thirty per cent of the land; and

WHEREAS, the previous County Administration proposed that the land be purchased for development as a County Park and it identified money that could be used for this purpose; and

WHEREAS, the State Representative also identified a source of State money to assist in the purchase of what will be a benefit to the health and well-being of all the surrounding neighborhoods;

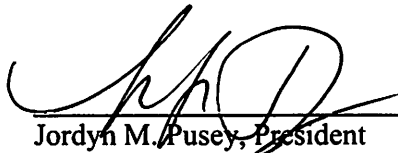
NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF THE CIVIC LEAGUE FOR NEW CASTLE COUNTY that County government is hereby urged to move forward swiftly on negotiating the purchase of sufficient land on Route 4 (Chestnut Hill Road) from the Felician Sisters to create a regional park before this opportunity is lost.

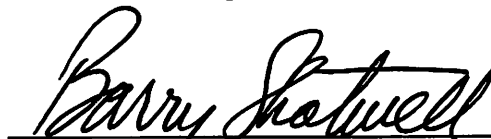
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the balance of the payment on the cost of purchasing the land be handled through installments or other special arrangements that can be worked out and that will minimize the tax consequences for the religious order if that is their wish and/or the County and State cannot fully fund the purchase in Fiscal Year 2017 or 2018.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that County Council is hereby urged to support the creation of this park recognizing how parks in each district contribute so much to the quality of residents' lives especially in providing recreation and education for children.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that with a smaller percentage of open space now required in subdivisions, we urge that regional parks should be increased in the Comprehensive Plan.



Jordyn M. Pusey, President



Barry Shotwell, Corp. Secretary