

West Pikeland Township has begun construction of park facilities at the 62-acre parcel located on Walnut Lane near the intersection of Route 401 and Route 113. While the parcel had been the subject of a subdivision application by the Cutler Group, the Township used open space funds in 2013 to purchase the property. At that time, the Township's plans were to use the parcel as a Township park.

In 2015, Township hired Yost Strodoski Mears and Toole Recreational Planning who, with extensive public engagement, developed a Master Plan for the Park and an approach for phased projects. In 2018, the Township went out to bid to construct Phase 1 of the park facilities. Because the resulting bids came in over what the Township budgeted for Phase 1, the scope of Phase 1 was revised, and the project was re-bid. In August, the Township awarded the construction to the lowest bidder, CH+N Site Contractors. The lowest bid was \$1,272,650.61.

The Township applied for grants to help defray the cost of the construction. The Township was awarded two grants: one from Pennsylvania Department of Natural Resources for \$200,000 and one from Chester County for \$250,000. The balance of the cost will be paid with open space funds.

The revised scope of work includes creating the necessary stormwater facilities, construction of two multipurpose rectangular fields, relocation and improvement of the entrance road, construction of parking areas and a paved trail.

The construction is expected to be completed by mid June of 2019.