DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
SHC APPROVAL SUMMARY SHEET

NJDEP AREA: Hopatcong State Park

OWNER: Department of Environmental Protection, Division of Parks and Forestry

COUNTY: Morris MUNICIPALITY: Township of Roxbury

REASON FOR REQUEST:
- Easement ☐
- Diversion ☐
- Lease ☒ Acre(s): +/- 0.47 acres
- Block: 11101, Lot 1 Value: N/A

TENANT: Township of Roxbury

COMPENSATION:
- Land ☐
- Cash Payment ☒ One-time payment of $20.00
- Park Improvements ☐

PUBLIC HEARINGS: N/A

COMMENTS: The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection ("NJDEP") requests approval to enter into a twenty (20) year lease with the Township of Roxbury for the development, maintenance and operation of outdoor recreational facilities for the benefit of the public.


APPROVAL:


Ray Bukowski
Assistant Commissioner

Date
SHC FACT SHEET

The NJDEP request approval to lease property to the Township of Roxbury for the development maintenance and operation of outdoor recreational facilities and make same available for public use. The NJDEP has determined that leasing the property to the Township of Roxbury will not interfere with reasonably anticipated plans for development of the property for recreation and conservation purposes as part of Hopatcong State Park and the best interest of the people of the State of New Jersey will be served by leasing the property to the Township of Roxbury. The Township will enhance public access and amenities including placement of benches and construction of a gazebo consistent with municipal master plan.

The Township’s direct development, maintenance, management operation, and investment in the property eliminates the oversight, and those costs for the NJDEP. Therefore, the rent of twenty ($20.00) dollars for the term of the lease is justified. The NJDEP will post this summary on its website at https://www.nj.gov/dep/parksandforests/parks/business_ops/index.htm for public notification.

Property: The leased premise consists of approximately 0.47 acres on Block 11101, Lot 1 in the Township of Roxbury, County of Morris, State of New Jersey. The leased premises are identified on the attached map.

Purpose: The Township of Roxbury will utilize the leased premises for the purpose of the development, maintenance, management and operation of outdoor recreational facilities for the benefit of the public. The term of the lease agreement shall be for twenty (20) years.

Alternatives: The NJDEP would not lease the premise and the property would go back to its natural state.

Public Need/Benefit: The lease will provide a great benefit to the public through the development and maintenance of outdoor recreational facilities by the Township of Roxbury for public use.

Compensation: A one-time payment of twenty ($20.00) dollars and the investment being made by the Township of Roxbury for the development and maintenance of outdoor recreational facilities on the leased premises.

MAPS ☑️

STATEMENT OF VALUE ☐