

Resolution 2022-31

A Resolution to Approve Outdoor Recreation, Parks, and Trails (ORPT) Funding in the Amount of \$50,000.00 to Provide Partial Funding to Create Playground Access for Disabled Children (the “Project”),

WHEREAS, the City of New Castle has established a temporary committee (the “Committee”) to study and make recommendations on the improvement or replacement of aging playground facilities in Battery Park; and

WHEREAS, the Committee has identified possible grant funding from Outdoor Recreation, Parks, and Trails (ORPT) in the amount of \$50,000.00 to partially fund playground improvements; and

WHEREAS, the City has made preliminary application for an Outdoor Recreation, Parks, and Trails (ORPT) grant in the amount of \$50,000.00 to provide partial funding to create access for disabled children to an improved Battery Park playground (the “Project”), and

WHEREAS, the City Administrator will serve as the Project Manager of the Project; and

WHEREAS, the City has secured approval of funding in the amount of \$100,000.00 from the 2023 State Bond Bill to finance playground equipment for the Project, and/or additional funds for the handicap walkway; and

WHEREAS, the Trustees of the New Castle Common (the “Trustees”) who control the operation of Battery Park, have consented to the Project and committed to providing ongoing maintenance in the form of mulching for the Project facilities; and

WHEREAS, to secure ORPT grant approval, the City must agree to maintain the new and improved playground facilities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of New Castle hereby resolves as follows:

1. The City Council hereby approves the application for the ORPT grant as described above and authorizes the City Administrator to complete the application process;
2. The City Administrator will serve as the Project Manager for purposes of the ORPT grant and application therefor;
3. The City has secured approval of funding in the amount of \$100,000.00 from the 2023 State Bond Bill to finance the Project; and
4. The City Council hereby confirms that if the ORPT grant is awarded to the City and the Project constructed, the City will maintain the Project with the assistance of the Trustees who will provide ongoing mulching services for the improved playground.

PASSED this 11th day of October, 2022.

Michael M. Platt, City Council President

Joseph F. Day, III, Councilperson

Valarie W. Leary, Councilperson

Russell P. Smith, Councilperson

Suzanne M. Souder, Councilperson

Attest:

Kathleen M. Walls, City Clerk