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Borough Assembly
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RE: Letter of Support for Sandy Beach Park

To Whom It May Concern,

On behalf of Petersburg Indian Association, I write today to urge the Borough Assembly to support the renovation efforts of the Sandy Beach Playground. Petersburg is a community made up of outdoor enthusiasts and historically, the Sandy Beach Playground has been family friendly location. Unfortunately, with limited Borough funding available for upkeep and maintenance, many of the parks around Petersburg have fallen into disrepair. To address the state of disrepair at the Sandy Beach Playground, local organizations and citizens have come together to plan and fundraise for a renovation of the site.

The redesign of the Sandy Beach Playground has been in the works for a few years. Rotary and other interested organizations and individuals in Petersburg have spent time designing, consulting with inspectors, fundraising, and coordinating volunteers for this project. The process has been transparent and there has been ample time for community input on the project. The revitalization effort of the Sandy Beach Playground has been in the news on multiple occasions, providing ample notice regarding the particulars of the project.

We at PIA are excited to see the new playground at Sandy Beach come to life. Organizers have done a great job of reaching out to other community stakeholders for input and the opportunity to participate in the process and to provide feedback. Family friendly recreation sites such as Sandy Beach Playground are important for our community and the health and wellness of our local youth. For these reasons, we ask that the Borough support the revitalization efforts of the playground and allow the project to move forward as scheduled.

Sincerely,

Tracy Welch
Tribal Administrator
Petersburg Indian Association