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City Hosts Grand Opening of Warwood Tennis Courts

WHEELING, W.Va. – The City of Wheeling hosted a ribbon-cutting event for the new Warwood tennis courts on Friday, August 25. City officials were joined by Tom and Peggy Dailer and Jerry Mulhern, as well as students from Warwood School and other tennis enthusiasts.

“These new courts are a wonderful example of our City’s current commitment to improving local spaces for parks and recreation,” said Mayor Glenn Elliott. “Through projects like this one, we are able to promote health and wellness while providing a resource for our entire community. It’s been an exciting project for us to watch come to fruition.”

In August 2016, Savage Construction began work as the general contractor on the project. Work continued through the fall then resumed in April 2017. Subcontractors were hired for the electrical work, fencing, and striping for the court lines.

Savage’s work for the four new courts included demolition, construction of a block wall, grading of the land, and laying the engineering fabric, stone, and asphalt for the courts. This phase of the project cost \$320,000, while the electrical work, lighting, and poles cost \$100,000.

The lighting system implemented at the new courts is a high-tech LED system, which includes an activation button to allow for well-lit play at night. Lighting can be turned on until 11:00 p.m. when the courts close. This feature will save money and electricity and assure that the courts can remain open and safe after dark.

These tennis courts replace the old courts built by the Land and Water Conservation Fund, which the City built over for the new Water Treatment Plant in 2013. In line with Land and Water Conservation Fund regulations, the Water Department provided all aforementioned funding to rebuild the public courts.

In addition to the four courts, a set of bleachers was installed through a fund left to the City by Carol Strasser, a former volunteer director of the City’s summer tennis program.

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“Tennis courts can be utilized by citizens young and old; and with the courts adjacent to Wheeling’s only consolidated school, we’re looking forward to seeing people of all ages discovering a new love for the sport,” said Jesse Mestrovic, Director of Parks & Strategic Planning. “These new courts are a benchmark for the rest of the City’s parks and recreation facilities.”

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