



Sponsor:
Mayor S. Lobdell

RESOLUTION
2026-008

A Resolution to support the ORPT Grant Application for the Inter-abled Playground Project

WHEREAS, Townsend Municipal Park serves as the Town's primary public recreation facility and provides outdoor recreational opportunities for residents of Townsend, neighboring municipalities, and the surrounding region; and

WHEREAS, the Town has identified a need for additional accessible recreational amenities to ensure children of all physical, sensory, developmental, and cognitive abilities have equal opportunities to participate in outdoor play and recreation; and

WHEREAS, the Town proposes the development of a fully inclusive inter-abled playground featuring ADA-accessible play equipment, adaptive play elements, accessible surfacing, connecting pathways, sensory play components, and other improvements designed to provide recreational opportunities for children of all abilities; and

WHEREAS, the Town desires to submit an application to the Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control (DNREC) Outdoor Recreation, Parks, and Trails (ORPT) Grant Program requesting grant assistance in the amount of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) toward the estimated Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollar (\$250,000.00) project; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Townsend has committed to providing a local financial contribution/ In Kind Contribution valued at Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000.00) toward the project through municipal funds, with the remaining project funding anticipated through additional grant opportunities, donations, and other funding sources.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Council of the Town of Townsend as follows:

1. Grant Application Authorization. The Town Council hereby authorizes the submission of an application to the Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control Outdoor Recreation, Parks, and Trails (ORPT) Grant Program for the development of an inclusive inter-abled playground at Townsend Municipal Park.
2. Project Manager. The Town Council hereby designates Julie Goodyear, Town Manager, as the Project Manager and authorized representative for the Town of Townsend to prepare, submit, execute, and administer all grant application materials, agreements, certifications, reimbursement requests, and other documents necessary to complete the project.
3. Financial Commitment. The Town Council commits to providing the required local matching funds/ In Kind Contributions in the value amount of \$75,000.00, subject to budget appropriations, together with pursuing additional grant funding and donations necessary to complete the proposed project.
4. Ownership and Maintenance Commitment. Upon completion, the Town of Townsend shall retain ownership of the improvements and shall be responsible for the continued operation, inspection, maintenance, repair, and preservation of the playground and associated facilities in accordance with all applicable ORPT Grant Program requirements.
5. Grant Compliance. The Town agrees to comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, regulations, grant conditions, accessibility requirements, procurement

requirements, reporting requirements, and other obligations associated with acceptance of ORPT funding.

6. Effective Date. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Town of Townsend to be affixed this 5th day of August 2026.

Passed and Approved this 5th day of August 2026.

TOWN OF TOWNSEND

Scott Lobdell, Mayor

Vote of Council	Yea	Na	Abs
Mayor Lobdell	✓		
CM J. Bangura	✓		
CM M. Chapman	✓		
CM D. Wiggins	✓		
CM S. Sharif	✓		

ATTEST:

Julie Goodyear, Town Manager