

DATE: July 13, 2020

RE: Donation to Hampton Parks, Recreation & Leisure Services from Tyla Matteson

TO: Mr. David McCauley, Director, City of Hampton Parks, Recreation & Leisure Services

Dear Mr. McCauley,

Over the past two years, I have had the pleasure of working with members of Hampton's Parks, Recreation & Leisure Services, resulting in enhancements to the Matteson Trail. The trail was named after my mother, Tess Matteson, who was instrumental in the development of the trail and nurtured it for many years. She planted daffodils and other plants and enjoyed speaking to people about the natural beauty along the trail.

I am delighted with the result of these enhancements, which included four new eco-friendly benches and two new kiosks spaced along the trail, with one bench situated so it faces the attractive lake. To honor my mother's years of caring, is a beautifully crafted wooden shelter, accompanied by a plaque to my mother and a picnic table installed in the shelter. Particular recognition goes to park staff Chris Guthomson, who knew my mother, and who arranged for the lovely shelter, and to Karen Harden, working closely with me to finalize details on behalf of the City of Hampton.

To cap this off, we have planned a celebration with Mayor Tuck as invited guest speaker, and other friends who remember my mother, initially set for August, but now postponed due to the pandemic until probably spring 2021, health guidelines permitting.

I wish to donate \$10,000 to Hampton Parks, Recreation & Leisure Services for the purpose of extending the enhancement of the Matteson Trail and the shelter honoring my mother. This would support the construction of a walkway from the parking area to the shelter, located in between the Hampton Police building and the area of the Hamptons Golf Clubhouse and for landscaping around the shelter. The walkway could be pea gravel, as is already in place at the Police building or other appropriate material. The landscaping could include bushes, a variety flowering plants, such as daffodils and other native species.

I am personally committed to further donating \$2,000 per year for the next five years, to help with maintenance of the Matteson Trail and shelter.

Please let me know how to address and send you a check for \$10,000.

Yours truly,

--Tyla Matteson

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