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## News Release

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### **Premiere Sports Facility ‘Apex Sports & Events’ Comes Adjacent to Mountain View Park *Complex Offers Both Indoor and Outdoor Recreational Activities***

“Hillsborough Township is excited to announce the expansion of facilities adjacent to Mountain View Park with the inclusion of Apex Sports & Events, anticipated to open in 2019,” announced Mayor Gloria McCauley at Tuesday’s Township Committee meeting.

Mountain View Park, purchased jointly by Hillsborough Township and Somerset County, was created to provide local residents with year-round sports and recreational opportunities. Apex is complimentary with the existing facilities in the area and will offer outdoor artificial turf fields as well as an indoor sports complex. The indoor sports complex will also boast an artificial turf field, basketball and volleyball courts, and a kids’ adventure area with rock climbing and other family-friendly activities.

“The idea of Apex started five years ago while watching my kids on the lacrosse and soccer fields. My wife and I were exhausted from spending so many hours each weekend on the road traveling to towns throughout New Jersey and Pennsylvania so they could participate in their sports,” says Apex owner and local resident Gregg Wilke. “At Apex, our mission is to create a state-of-the-art unique competition and training facility for Hillsborough that serves the year-round sports and recreation needs of local families while promoting a healthy lifestyle for the community and assisting in the development of our young athletes. We intend to open the outdoor turf fields in the spring of 2019 and the indoor complex later that year.”

Apex Sports and Events will be a state-of-the-art indoor/outdoor multi-sport athletic facility designed to serve participants in sports leagues, skill-building clinics/camps, and competition as well as sports performance training, pay-to-play recreation experiences, and youth development activities. The Apex facility, offering full-size synthetic turf fields which will allow for regulation play in all long-field sports such as soccer, lacrosse, and football. The indoor complex will include a hardwood court area for sports such as basketball, volleyball and futsal; a team-training area consisting of various sports performance amenities including batting

cages/pitching tunnels; a rock climbing area and a play climb area; mezzanine viewing area; a cafe and concessions area; multi-purpose rooms; team rooms; and other supporting spaces.

“Our local sports families are currently traveling to other towns including Flemington, Branchburg and Bridgewater to name a few in order to find field and court space to support their teams’ practices and games. A sports and recreation facility such as Apex has long been the talk of the sports clubs in town, and we are very excited to keep our families local and playing in a premiere facility located in Hillsborough,” said Jamie Moore, Director of Jr Raiders Youth Sports Inc.

Rick Mantz, Director of High School Relations for the Rutgers Football Team and HHS alumni, comments that, “The need for this kind of facility in Hillsborough cannot be overstated. Sports and recreation are vital to the overall health and well-being of our youth. All over the country I see communities creating facilities that offer these opportunities, and it’s great to hear that Apex will bring them to Hillsborough. Mountain View is the perfect location for this indoor and outdoor athletic complex.”

The Township and Apex worked to ensure that the facility is available to the community, benefiting the youth of Hillsborough Township first. One of the contemporary outdoor turf fields will provide 400 hours of reserved prime time for the Hillsborough Township Parks and Recreation Department. In addition, Hillsborough-based 501(c)3 organizations will be able to rent playing time at 50% of typical rental rates on this field.

“We are thrilled to have Apex be adjacent to Mountain View Park,” stated Hillsborough Township Mayor Gloria McCauley. “It’s going to play a key role in satisfying the need for additional sports activities for our residents.”

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