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Apex Sports and Events (Apex) Project Takes Next Steps *Complex Offers Both Indoor and Outdoor Recreational Activities*

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

The next step in the process is for Apex to go before the Planning Board on April 5th for site plan approval.

Somerset County, in partnership with Hillsborough Township, preserved 369 acres to establish Mountain View Park which provides local residents with year-round sports and recreational opportunities. The Apex development complements the existing facilities at Mountain View Park 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.

“This type of facility will play a key role in satisfying the need for additional sports activities for our residents.” Stated Hillsborough Mayor Gloria McCauley.

Somerset County Freeholder Mark Caliguire, who serves as the freeholder liaison to the Parks Commission added, “Somerset County was thrilled to bring the Mountain View Park facility to fruition, we hope Hillsborough and other area residents take advantage of the sports and recreational opportunities. We know that having Apex right next door will provide a combined second to none sports environment.”

“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 County, 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.

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