

Senator Singleton Procures Quarter of a Million Dollars for Memorial and Kite Fields Renovations!

State Senator Troy Singleton presented a ceremonial check for \$250,000 to Mayor Mike Trainor, Township Committee and staff on Monday morning, August 21, 2023, at Kite Baseball Field, near the boarded-up concession building. The Senator secured these funds on behalf of Edgewater Park's residents to be used at

both Memorial and Kite Fields for renovations. Depending on final costs, this funding will cover from one-third to 43% of EP's costs.

Senator Singleton sponsored a budget resolution in the Fiscal Year 24 Budget on behalf of Edgewater Park in the amount of \$250,000 for Kite and Memorial Field improvements. The budget was passed on June 30, 2023, so now the funding will be distributed to Edgewater Park via the NJ Department of Community Affairs.

"This funding will cover from a third to almost 43 percent of our capital improvements, depending on final costs for these field upgrades," said Mayor Trainor. Township Committee's items on the improvement list include:

Reconstruct Kite Field Baseball fields: \$200,000 to bring back the pre-existing two baseball fields. All fencing and backstops are in disrepair and need to be removed for safety reasons.

Kite Field also needs a Field house with bathrooms: \$85,000 - \$125,000, as the building is in bad shape and should not be used (see bottom picture). Plans are to gut the structure, redo bathrooms and upgrade the new inside for storage use and a concession stand.



Memorial Field needs lighting, estimated at \$200,000 - \$250,000. Currently this area is used for multiple sports. While Memorial's primary usage was initially set up for softball, there is now limited field access due to extended play time and permitting multi-sport usage, so lighting is now needed.

Memorial Field house renovations are estimated at \$100,000 - \$150,000 since the same situation as Kite Field exists at Memorial. The building is in bad shape and needs repair and updating, including bathrooms. This is the only facility at the park for restrooms, and it also serves as a concession stand.

Mayor Trainor (right) presented a Proclamation of Appreciation to Sen. Singleton on behalf of the Township Committee and all the residents of Edgewater Park Township.



