Topic: Little Free Library Installation in Pheasant Run Park Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Meeting Tuesday, October 18, 2022, 7PM

Hello, my name is Terry Sikora and I have been a resident of New Britain Township for 22 years. I live on Pheasant Run Drive and frequently pass the Pheasant Run Park on my daily walks. I have always loved the idea of the Little Free Library and think that the Pheasant Run Park is the perfect location to install one.

Many of my neighbors are avid readers and we frequently swap books and enjoy discussing them. I would love our children to see that we place importance on reading and learning in our community. I have seen many Little Free Libraries in Doylestown, but there are none in our Fairwood community, so I would love to start one in our shared community space.

Some background information: Little Free Library is a non-profit organization that builds community and increases book access for all through a network of volunteer-led libraries. It is a neighborhood book exchange where everyone is invited to take a book or leave a book. Its goals are Building Community; Inspiring Readers; and Expanding Book Access. There are over 150,000 + Little Free Libraries in over 110 countries with an average of 465 visits per library.

Our little library has been built by a former member of the neighborhood, Ethan Hill. It is made of plywood and is about 3' tall with a cedar shingle roof. (Photos were sent to Michelle Clancy, Bill May and Ryan Cressman in an e-mail from me on Monday, 10/17/22.) My neighbor, Martha Wisniewski and I will paint the library with outdoor paint before installation. I will also register it with the Little Free Library organization to receive a charter sign for it. This will allow us to legally use the name Little Free Library in accordance with their registered trademark. They also provide ideas and support on their website www.littlefreelibrary.org and Facebook group. I will ask neighbors to donate books and a small donation of \$5 per family to assist with the cost of materials and the \$40 charter sign.

We are requesting the township to provide a solid base and to install the library into the park.

This project is a positive addition to our New Britain Township community and I believe will be a worthwhile project for the township to support.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

Terry Sikora (organizer, 215-284-1644) Ethan Hill (builder) Peter Smith (design & building assistant)

















