

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT THE OUTDOOR RECREATION, PARK, AND TRAILS (ORPT) 2022 GRANT FOR THE REQUEST FOR FUNDING TO MAKE IMPROVEMENTS IN SUNSET PARK.

WHEREAS, Sunset Park is a park within the municipal boundaries of the Town of Dewey Beach, Delaware, located on Dagsworthy Avenue bayside, along the Rehoboth Bay; and

WHEREAS, to access the park, individuals must cross over a small, but steep, ramp. Once inside the park, the terrain is low lying and flat, and often has flooding due to drainage issues and beach erosion; and

WHEREAS, Sunset Park has experienced extensive erosion partially due to winds from the southwest and west over the past 11 years. The sandy beach that once existed along the terminal end of Dagsworthy Avenue, adjacent to Sunset Park, has been transported to the northeast along the shore by these winds, while the lack of natural sand sources to the south has left the region with a thin face and an extensive loss of nearshore habitat; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Dewey Beach Comprehensive Development Plan would like to ensure maintenance is done to this park, and would also like to make the park more utilized by visitors and residents (page 22 of the Comprehensive Development Plan); and

WHEREAS, the ramp and gazebo visitors may utilize to access and take in the beautiful views of the bay and wildlife of Sunset Park need to be repaired and ensure ADA compliant accessibility.

NOW THEREFORE:

BE IT ENACTED AND ORDAINED, by the Commissioners of the Town of Dewey Beach, Sussex County, Delaware as follows:

The Commissioners of the Town of Dewey Beach support the Outdoor Recreation, Park, and Trails (ORPT) 2022 grant for the request for funding to make improvements in Sunset Park.

This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption by a majority of the Commissioners of the Town of Dewey Beach on September 16, 2022.

William Stevens, Mayor

Bill Zolper, Town Manager