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Marge Martin Sports Complex Awarded First Place

New Jersey Society of Municipal Engineers 2011 Municipal Parks/Recreation Project of the Year

Atlantic City, NJ – The New Jersey Society of Municipal Engineers (NJSME) has awarded John J. Cantwell, PE, of Remington & Vernick Engineers, the First Place Award for a Municipal Parks or Recreation Project in 2011. The work was for the construction of a Hockey Complex, concession buildings and other improvements at the Marge Martin Recreation Center in the Lakeland Area of Gloucester Township, NJ. Mr. Cantwell received the award on November 16, 2011 at the Annual League of Municipalities Conference in Atlantic City. Colleagues from Remington & Vernick Engineers and officials from Gloucester Township were present to share in the honor.

In 2008, Remington & Vernick Engineers was authorized to prepare a Master Plan for the Marge Martin Sports Complex, with special emphasis on enhancing the facilities used by the Gloucester Township Hockey Association (GTHA). Subsequent to the acceptance of the Master Plan, the Township authorized Remington & Vernick to proceed with the design of the hockey facilities. The firm was also authorized to provide contract administration and inspection services during the construction of the improvements.

The GTHA serves 600 children within the Township and is a member of the South Jersey Hockey Tournament. The league plays year-round. While it is one of the largest organizations in the tournament, the local association had only one hockey rink for their home games and for practice. This rink did not meet the demands of the association and was completely unsuitable for league play. Storage facilities and concession areas consisted of old sheds brought in by the members' families. There were also no restroom facilities at the end of the complex where the rink is located.

The new facilities consist of two new hockey rinks with aluminum framed, fiberglass dasher boards, fencing, electronic score boards, lighting for night play and bleachers. The existing rink was upgraded to improve its surface, lighting and scoreboard. A much needed 1,300 square foot building with a decorative block surface was constructed to provide a concession room, a roofed picnic area outside of the concession window, storage and meeting room and restrooms. The building was situated on a rise such that parents and guests in the sheltered picnic area could still watch the action on two of the rinks. Solar panels were installed on the roof of the concession building to reduce energy costs. In addition to the hockey facilities, a new T-Ball field with backstop and spectator benches were constructed to replace the field that needed to be relocated to accommodate the rinks. A stone parking lot was constructed to provide adequate parking.

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