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Bayonne: Phase Two of Collins Park Renovations Wins Engineering Award

Mayor Jimmy Davis announced that Phase Two of Improvements to Dennis P. Collins Park in Bayonne won a First Place award in a statewide engineering awards ceremony recently in Atlantic City. Presented by the New Jersey Society of Municipal Engineers, the award is in the category of Municipal Design of Parks and Recreation Projects In-House Engineer. Consulting and Municipal Engineers (CME Associates), which is under contract as Bayonne's municipal engineering company, accepted the award at the engineering group's annual luncheon. Engineer Robert Russo of CME has worked closely with the Bayonne's Public Works Department and Director Tommy Cotter on Collins Park renovations. A panel of five municipal engineers from across the state served as judges for the awards.

Phase Two of the park renovations included the construction of several new facilities. They include a hockey rink, a multi-purpose, elevated seating area, children's playgrounds for different age groups, basketball courts, an exercise and training area, and a large gazebo.

The play area for the younger children has an amusement park theme. It includes a “Miltyville” ticket booth that is a tribute to Uncle Milty’s, the amusement park that stood on a portion of today’s park property in the 20th century. The kiddie play area has a roller coaster theme. The multi-purpose, elevated seating area can be used as an outdoor classroom or as an audience area for games or performances. The gazebo measures fifty feet across. The gazebo is located between the hockey rink and the playground area.

The park is named after Dennis P. Collins, who served four terms as Mayor of Bayonne from 1974 to 1990. Mr. Collins was a City Council Member before that from 1962 to 1974. Later, he served as an Aide to Mayor Joseph V. Doria, Jr. in the late 1990’s and the early 2000’s.