## Veterans Memorial Dedication Ceremony to be Held at the New Greenfield Township Community Park

GREENFIELD TOWNSHIP, PA (November 3, 2023) – A dedication ceremony for the new Veterans Memorial will be held on Saturday, November 11, 2023, from 2:00 – 2:30 p.m. at the site of the new Greenfield Township Community Park, located on Route 106, Greenfield Township, Pennsylvania 18407. Immediately following the ceremony will be a reception at the fire hall across from the park.

A featured flyover with two vintage World War II-era planes is planned at the beginning of the ceremony, with Pilot Joe Malinchak in an original Piper L-4J Grasshopper and Pilot Steve Stas in a Boeing Kaydet ("Stearman" to military cadets) primary trainer.

"This Veterans Memorial began with a vision 10 years ago, to honor our fallen soldiers from our area, dating back 200 years when our township was first incorporated," said Joe Slebodnik, Township Supervisor and Veterans Memorial designer. "The memorial was built from funds to purchase etched memorial stones honoring Greenfield Township service members."

The keynote speaker is <u>John L. Gronski</u>, Major General (U.S. Army Retired) who is the founder and CEO of Leader Grove LLC, leadership seminar facilitator, executive coach, and author. John also serves as a leadership fellow for the Association of the United States Army. John has more than 40 years in the U.S. Army including active duty and, in the Pennsylvania Army National Guard where he led units at the company, battalion, brigade, and division level.

To date, the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) has awarded Greenfield Township two grants for the new Community Park. In December 2021, DCNR awarded a \$70,000 grant for a walking trail, ADA-parking lot, and landscaping, and on October 5, 2023, DCNR awarded a \$60,000 grant for the further development of the Community Park to include the installation of play equipment with required safety surfacing, ADA access, project signage, and site improvements. Also included at the park is an enclosed dog run donated by a Greenfield Township family.

For more information, visit the <u>Greenfield Township Community Park and Veterans Memorial</u> Facebook page or website at: <u>www.greenfieldtownshipsupervisors.org/park</u>.