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EAGLE PROJECT TO HONOR CHIEF DESANTIS

Woodbine—Mayor William Pikolycky is pleased to announce that Frank Smyth, Jr, of Troop 56, Dennisville, gave a presentation to Mayor and Council at a recent Borough Council meeting for his proposed Eagle Scout Project to honor former Woodbine Police Chief Phillip J. DeSantis. Chief DeSantis was killed in the line of duty, on August 6, 1973 while trying to arrest a local man after he robbed and killed a gas attendant in Middle Twp. Approval for this project was then granted.

His project will be a Memorial and Reflection area, to be located on the bike path parallel to County Route 550, just east of Heine Ave, and will include a sitting area with benches, an engraved monument, and a historical Facts Plaque. This location was chosen after research done by Frank that revealed Heine Ave was where Chief DeSantis was killed. Frank is plans to have the project completed by early May with a dedication shortly after.

The overall cost of the project is estimated at approximately \$ 3,000.00, with funds being raised through a letter drive and other fund raising activities. Anyone wishing to assist or donate please contact Frank Smyth Jr, at 609-861-1068.

“We are honored by this recognition of the late Chief DeSantis and bittersweetly pleased to know that his widow, Sonia, who recently passed away, was part of the planning for this project,” added Mayor Pikolycky.

* Captions for photos

Frank and Mayor looking over site map.
Frank Smyth Jr gets approval to start Eagle Scout Project