

Ambler Savings Bank Donates \$10,000 to Spring-Ford's Memorial Arboretum Restoration Project



Photo Caption: (from left) Dr. David Goodin, Spring-Ford School District Superintendent; Roger Zacharia, Ambler Savings Bank Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer; Erin Cohen, Ambler Savings Bank Limerick Branch Manager; Gail Wellington; and Steve Bonetz, TV Programming Specialist at Spring-Ford High School.

ROYERSFORD – Ambler Savings Bank Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, Roger Zacharia, and Branch Manager for the Limerick office, Erin Cohen, presented the Spring-Ford Education Foundation with a check for \$10,000, which will be used for the Spring-Ford Memorial Arboretum Restoration Project.

The project, which began last spring, includes installing a paved patio and pathway near the 9th Grade Center, as well as placement of benches, which will create quiet study area in the corner of the arboretum.

The work for the Memorial Arboretum Restoration Project is being done by Western Montgomery Career and Technology Center students, giving them real-world, hands on experience in landscape construction.

“As a community bank, we wanted our contribution to benefit a great portion of the Spring-Ford community. The Spring-Ford Memorial Arboretum is surely a piece of the district that students and faculty at the 9th Grade Center will enjoy for years to come, and the community at large can be proud of,” said Mr. Zacharia.

“We were honored to be part of this project and that our donation will restore this area into a space where students and the community can come together to study, read, and relax,” said Ms Cohen.

“We are proud of the partnership between the Spring-Ford Area School District and Ambler Savings Bank. The EITC program continues to strengthen educational programs here in the District while providing tax benefits to contributing businesses,” said Dr. David Goodin, Spring-Ford School District Superintendent.

Part of the funds also benefitted the Spring-Ford High School TV Studio, which will be used to purchase new studio equipment, such as lighting.

Ambler Savings Bank donated the money through the Pennsylvania Educational Improvement Tax Credit Program (EITC), which rewards businesses who donate to approved Educational Improvement Organizations, such as the Spring-Ford Education Foundation, by allowing the business to write off up to 90 percent of the donation in the form of tax credits. In turn, businesses must make a two-year commitment to an approved Educational Improvement Organization.

Ambler Savings Bank, headquartered in Ambler, PA, has locations in Limerick at 438 W Ridge Pike, as well as locations in Fairview Village and Schwenksville.