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The Honorable Joshua Shapiro, Governor
7th Floor, RCSOB 400
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RE: BIG ELK CREEK STATE PARK

Dear Governor Shapiro,

Lower Oxford Township's Board of Supervisors would like to make it known that we have very reasonable and practical concerns regarding the plans by DCNR to transform the Big Elk Creek State Park into a campground and RV facilities that will support overnight occupancy. This transformation will include construction of additional buildings and/or facilities such as a visitor/education center and entertainment facilities. While we realize that public toilets, maintenance and office structure, such as those that are currently being utilized at the White Clay Creek Preserve are acceptable, the extensive and excessive construction that is proposed by DCNR is not.

Furthermore, campgrounds tend to attract visitors both within and outside the community, leading to a significant increase in traffic, noise and light pollution. The proposed infrastructure will create extra wear on roadways causing road damage burdening the residents of the Township with the costs of additional maintenance and repair. With the proposed increase in traffic comes an abundance of campers who will utilize emergency service crews (fire, ambulance, police, etc.) that are already overburdened, and in light of the local hospital closure in West Grove, Pennsylvania, Chester County, will make their efforts for medical care even more challenging.

Altering this quiet and quaint Preserve by adding a campground and RV facilities would be a great disservice to the residents of this community and would create a greater financial burden upon them. Therefore, the Lower Oxford Township Board of Supervisors would like to express their support for the Townships of Elk, Franklin, and London Britian in their efforts to redesignate Big Elk Creek State Park back to a Reserve and not support this drastic endeavor by the DCNR.

Sincerely,

**LOWER OXFORD TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**



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cc: Cindy Dunn, Secretary, DCNR, 400 Market Street, Harrisburg, PA 17105