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MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor and Council
From: Inga Reich, PhD., *Open Space Manager*
Subject: Marquand Foundation Adopt a Park Agreement
Date: October 23, 2025

Attached for Council's approval at its October 27, 2025 meeting is a new Adopt a Park Agreement with the Marquand Park Foundation for the Marquand Park and Arboretum.

Marquand Park was donated to Princeton in 1953 for use as a public park, playground and recreational area, and maintenance of the park has been shared between Princeton and the Marquand Park Foundation. The Marquand Park Foundation, created in 1954, has been overseeing the care of the arboretum area of the park, while Princeton's Recreation and Infrastructure & Operation Departments are responsible for any other park maintenance items, such as trash removal, fencing, lawn care and path maintenance. More details on each party's responsibilities can be found in the Marquand Park Management and Use Agreement.

Throughout the more than 70 years of collaboration, the Marquand Park Foundation has demonstrated that it is fully capable of maintaining, operating and improving the arboretum area of Marquand Park. In addition to caring for the trees and habitats in the park, they have been organizing public events, such as Oaktober and created a Children's Arboretum. In summer 2025, they received a private donation of \$250,000 for improvements of the Rhododendron Walk and other tree planting within the park.

This adopt a park agreement for Marquand Park has been created to formalize the partnership between Princeton and the Marquand Park Foundation, to stipulate the guidelines for park usage and management and to lay out the responsibilities of each partner.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions at (609) 921-7077 ext. 7635 or by email at ireich@princetonnj.gov.