



# CITY OF SCRANTON

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## Scranton Celebrates Completion of Billy Barrett Park Renovations

SCRANTON, Pa. – Officials from the City of Scranton joined with State Rep. Kyle T. Donahue, District Office Director Thom Welby representing State Rep. Bridget M. Kosierowski, and City Council President Gerald Smurl on Monday, Nov. 25, 2024, to celebrate completed renovations at Billy Barrett Park, 2900 Colliery Ave., Scranton. The \$196,180 project was supported by a \$100,000 Local Share Account (LSA) – Monroe County grant from the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development.

“We have heard the requests for pickleball courts and have 13 courts coming to the City of Scranton,” Mayor Paige G. Cagnetti said. “We are excited to cut the ribbon today on the first two outdoor pickleball courts in Scranton right here in Minooka.”

Work at Billy Barrett Park focused on resurfacing court areas, completely refurbishing one tennis court and creating Scranton’s first two official outdoor pickleball courts. Pickleball is a fast-paced mixture of tennis and ping pong played using paddles and a wiffleball. According to the Sports & Fitness Industry Association, participation in the sport soared by 223 percent between January 2019 and January 2023.

Scranton’s ongoing park development projects have improved Connors Park, Oakmont Park, North Scranton Mini Park, and Novembrino Park. Projects, including new pool construction and rehabilitation, continue at Connell Park, Nay Aug Park, Robinson Park, Weston Field, and more.

**ABOUT THE CITY OF SCRANTON:** Incorporated in 1866, the City of Scranton has a population of approximately 80,000 residents and is the sixth-largest municipality in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Scranton City Hall is located at 340 N. Washington Ave., Scranton, PA 18503. Residents requiring services should visit [www.scrantonpa.gov](http://www.scrantonpa.gov).

**Photo caption:** Officials from the City of Scranton and that Pennsylvania House of Representatives celebrate the completion of a court renovation project at Billy Barrett Park in Minooka on Mon., Nov. 25, 2024. From left, Scranton Parks and Recreation Manager Steven Heintz, Scranton City Council President Gerald Smurl, Scranton Department of Public Works Director Scott Gassenmeyer, State Representative Kyle T. Donahue, Scranton Mayor Paige G. Cagnetti, District Office Director Thom Welby representing State Rep. Bridget M. Kosierowski, Scranton Business Administrator Eileen Cipriani, Scranton Project Manager Ben Reavy, Scranton Office of Economic and Community Development Director Sherry Frable, and McLane Associates President Thomas McLane.