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OHIOVILLE - A \$1,000 grant from Venture Outdoors will enable volunteers to plant trees and wildflowers at the Lock 57 park on Thursday.

Ohioville Mayor John Szatkiewicz said beginning at noon Thursday some Boy Scouts and ecology volunteers, including a group from the Independence Conservancy in Independence Township, Pa., will plant the trees and wildflowers that will attract hummingbirds and butterflies.

Lock 57 park is along Pennsylvania's Route 68, Midland Road, near the Point of Beginning.

The Point of Beginning is the beginning point of the U.S. Public Land Survey and is a United States National Historic Landmark, in Ohioville near Glasgow, Pa. A monument marks the border between the U.S. states of Ohio and Pennsylvania, on the north side of the Ohio River. It is near the three-way intersection of Ohio, Pennsylvania, and the northern tip of West Virginia.

The Point of Beginning is significant as being the point from which the Public Land Survey System was performed, starting in 1785, which would open what was then the Northwest Territory for settlement. The commemorative site is located about two miles east of the center of East Liverpool on Ohio State Route 39 and Pennsylvania Route 68.

Events at the Lock 57 park will also be part of Venture Outdoors 10th anniversary party on July 17. Szatkiewicz said there will be a dedication ceremony for the park and a kayaking event to go along with kayaking in Pittsburgh the same day.

Venture Outdoors the same group which sponsors Kayak Pittsburgh. Kayaking events July 17 will be part of the celebration of Venture Ohio's 10th anniversary.

According to the website www.ventureoutdoors.org, the July 17 events will also be a celebration of the group's 10 years of leading outdoor recreation in southwestern Pennsylvania, with kayaking at the Kayak Pittsburgh Downtown and the adjacent city park, Allegheny Landing from noon to 4 p.m.

The website states Venture Outdoors strives to make it easy to get outside by offering more than 500 programs to the public throughout the year for hiking, biking, rock climbing, kayaking, canoeing, snowshoeing and cross country skiing.