LOWER NAZARETH TOWNSHIP NORTHAMPTON COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

RESOLUTION NO. LNT-18-24

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP MANAGER TO MAKE APPLICATION TO THE NORTHAMPTON COUNTY OPEN SPACE INITIATIVE LIVABLE LANDSCAPES GRANT PROGRAM ON BEHALF OF LOWER NAZARETH TOWNSHIP FOR THE PURPOSE OF FUNDING THE PLANTING OF 70 NATIVE DECIDUOUS TREES AT NEWBURG PARK.

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of Lower Nazareth Township recognizes that the Township contains natural areas that contribute to the quality of life and economic health of our community which are worth for preservation;

WHEREAS, the Northampton County Council adopted Ordinance #603-2015, titled "AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING "THE LIVABLE LANDSCAPES – AN OPEN SPACE PLAN PROGRAM FOR NORTHAMPTON COUNTY AND FURTHER PROVIDING FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE 21st CENTURY OPEN SPACE INITIATIVE" on January 7, 2016; and

WHEREAS, the program provides for funding grants that may be used by the municipality to acquire land, protect significant natural areas and rehabilitate degraded and underutilized lands that are important examples of Northampton County's natural heritage; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of Lower Nazareth Township desires to expand the existing small forest area in Newburg Park for the ecological restoration and improvement; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of Lower Nazareth Township desires to continue developing Newburg Park in a way that provides recreational opportunities for people in a relaxed natural setting; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Lower Nazareth wishes to participate in the 2024 Livable Landscapes Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of Lower Nazareth Township proposes to plant 70 native deciduous trees at Newburg Park; and

WHEREAS, Lower Nazareth Township will have the required match of \$29,343.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of Lower Nazareth Township, Northampton County, Pennsylvania approves the filing of an application for funds under the Livable Landscapes Grant Program and hereby requests a Livable Landscapes grant of \$29,343 from Northampton County to be used for the purpose of procuring 70 native deciduous trees and landscaping services to plant the trees at Newburg Park.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Applicant does hereby designate Lori A. Stauffer, Township Manager, as the official to execute all documents and agreements between Lower Nazareth Township, Northampton County, Pennsylvania and Northampton County to facilitate and assist in obtaining the requested grant.

LOWER NAZARETH TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

ATTEST:

James Pennington, Chairman

Tammi Dravecz, Secretary/Treasurer