LOWER NAZARETH TOWNSHIP NORTHAMPTON COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

RESOLUTION NO. LNT-17-21

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP MANAGER TO APPLICATION MAKE TO NORTHAMPTON COUNTY OPEN SPACE INITIATIVE LIVABLE LANDSCAPES GRANT PROGRAM ON BEHALF OF LOWER NAZARETH TOWNSHIP FOR THE PURPOSE OF FUNDING RECREATIONAL IMPROVEMENTS TO HAHN'S MEADOW PARK INCLUDING EXPANSION OF THE EXISTING PARKING AREA, CONSTRUCTION OF A PAVED WALKING TRAIL, AND CONSTRUCTING A WOODEN OVERLOOK BRIDGE ACROSS MONOCACY CREEK.

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 fully develop the recreational property known as Hahn's Meadow Park for the benefit and enjoyment of community; and

WHEREAS, as part of the development of Hahn's Meadow Park, The Board of Supervisors of Lower Nazareth Township desires to develop a neighborhood passive recreation park that will be utilized by people of all ages and abilities; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Lower Nazareth wishes to participate in the 2021 Livable Landscapes Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of Lower Nazareth Township proposes to expand the existing crushed stone parking area to accommodate more vehicles, construct a paved walking trail, which will lead to a wooden overlook across the Monocacy Creek; and

WHEREAS, Lower Nazareth Township will have the required match of \$47,118.38.

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 \$47,118.37 from Northampton County to be used for the purpose of expanding the existing parking area, constructing a paved walking trail, and constructing a wooden overlook bridge across the Monocacy Creek.

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.

DULY ADOPTED, this Aday of Mouch, 2021, by a majority of the Board of Supervisors of the Township of Lower Nazareth, Northampton County, Pennsylvania.

LOWER NAZARETH TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

ATTEST:

James Pennington, Chairman

Tammi Dravecz, Secretary/Treasurer