LOWER NAZARETH TOWNSHIP NORTHAMPTON COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

RESOLUTION# LNT-17-23

A RESOLUTION OF THE LOWER NAZARETH TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AMENDING THE 2023 FEE SCHEDULE DULY ADOPTED ON JANUARY 2, 2023, FOR THE PURPOSE OF AMENDING THE RECREATION FEES CHARGED BY LOWER NAZARETH TOWNSHIP IN CONNECTION WITH SUBDIVISION AND LAND DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of Lower Nazareth Township adopted a fee schedule at their annual reorganization meeting, which includes fees pursuant to Open Space/Recreation; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors adopted the current fee schedule on January 2, 2023, establishing the Open Space/Recreation fees as \$1,500 per dwelling unit; \$3,200 per acre for commercial and industrial; and \$1,500 per acre for non-profit organizations; and

WHEREAS, Lower Nazareth Township has the authority to impose an Open Space/Recreation fee for Subdivision and Land Development applications pursuant to the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code, which provides in Section 503, Subsection 11, that, "Provisions requiring the public dedication of land suitable for the use intended; and, upon agreement with the applicant or developer, the construction of recreational facilities, the payment of fees in lieu thereof, the private reservation of the land, or a combination, for park or recreation purposes as a condition precedent to final plan approval," subject to a list of conditions; and

WHEREAS, Lower Nazareth Township further has the authority to impose an Open Space/Recreation Fee for Subdivision and Land Development applications pursuant to the Lower Nazareth Township Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance Section 793; and

WHEREAS, the Lower Nazareth Township Board of Supervisors adopted a Recreation, Parks and Open Space plan in December 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Lower Nazareth Township Recreation, Parks and Open Space Plan recommends developers dedicate .088 acres of land per dwelling unit or establish the Recreation Fee in Lieu of Land Dedication should be equivalent to .088 acres in value; and

WHEREAS, based on recent appraisals received by Lower Nazareth Township, the Board of Supervisors wishes to amend the 2023 Fee Schedule.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that on this day 14th day of June, 2023, the Lower Nazareth Township 2023 Fee Schedule shall be amended as follows:

III. IMPACT FEES

Recreation/Open Space \$5,000 per dwelling unit

\$10,500 per commercial/industrial acre \$2,500 per acre for non-profit organizations

(see Ordinance #155 for specific criteria)

The new Recreation/Open Space fee shall only apply to applications submitted pursuant to the Lower Nazareth Township Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance on or after June 15, 2023. All other Subdivision and Land Development applications submitted prior to this date shall be subject to the fee schedule as adopted at the time of their application submission.

All other sections of the Lower Nazareth Township fee schedule adopted by the Board of Supervisors on January 2, 2023, at their Reorganization meeting and not amended by this Resolution shall remain in full force and effect without change.

DULY ADOPTED, this _______ day of June, 2023 by a majority vote of the Board of Supervisors of Lower Nazareth Township, Northampton County, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania at a duly advertised meeting where a quorum was present.

LOWER NAZARETH TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

ATTEST

Tammi Dravecz, Secretary/Treasurer