

LOWER SAUCON TOWNSHIP

RESOLUTION #65-2015

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE FUTURE USE OF THE WOODLAND HILLS GOLF COURSE PROPERTY

WHEREAS, the Township, utilizing funding from the State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources and Northampton County, acquired the property known as the Woodland Hills Golf Course from Alex Patullo in 2014; and

WHEREAS, the property had been subdivided into three parcels with the Township acquiring the 149 acre portion that encompassed the former golf links; and

WHEREAS, the property was operated as a golf course from 1965 until ceasing operation in 2010 and, through disuse, was slowly reverting to its natural state; and

WHEREAS, the Township's intention in acquiring the property was to preserve it for open space purposes, and to provide mitigation of stormwater runoff for properties located downstream on the East Branch of the Saucon Creek.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of Lower Saucon Township:

1. Upon the recommendation of the Township Environmental Advisory Council and Parks and Recreation Board, the property hereinafter will be known as the "Woodland Hills Preserve".
2. The property will not be utilized as a golf course or for other active recreational uses.
3. It is the intention of the Township to allow the property to continue reverting to its naturalized state with the expansion of its woodlands, wetland and marsh areas, and the re-creation of the natural channel flow of the East Branch of the Saucon Creek.
4. The property is intended for passive use by the community and the Township plans on providing access from Countryside Lane and mowed trails that will allow activities such as hiking, bird watching, and environmental education programs.

ADOPTED and **ENACTED** this 1st day of April, 2015.

Attest:

Lower Saucon Township:

Jack Cahalan
Secretary

Ronald Horiszny
Council President