



**Wednesday, May 17, 2023**  
**Lower Saucon Township Council Agenda**

**6:30 PM**  
**Lower Saucon Township**  
**General Business and Developer**  
**3700 Old Philadelphia Pike**  
**Bethlehem, PA 18015**

**1. OPENING**

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- A. Call to Order
- B. New Agenda Item
- C. Roll Call
- D. Pledge of Allegiance
- E. Announcement of Executive Session (if applicable)
- F. Potential Action on Executive Session Issues (if applicable)
- G. Public Comment Procedure

**2. PUBLIC COMMENT - AGENDA ITEMS ONLY - RESIDENTS/TAXPAYERS ONLY - 3-MINUTE TIME LIMIT**

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**3. PRESENTATIONS/HEARINGS/ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS**

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- A. Resolution #43-2023 - Recognizing Micaela Jebitsch for Earning the Girl Scout Gold Award
- B. Resolutions Recognizing Junior Council Members

**4. DEVELOPER ITEMS - None**

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**5. TOWNSHIP BUSINESS ITEMS**

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- A. Zoning Hearing Board Application #VAR 02-23 - 4235 Lewis Ave - Council Review
- B. Zoning Hearing Board Application #VAR 03-23 - 2327 Ridge Drive - Council Review
- C. Used Police Vehicle Requests from LSFR / Dewey / LSA
- D. Resolution #46-2023 Keystone Grant - Additional Grant Money for Upper Town Hall Park Playground
- E. Resolution #47-2023 NORCO Grant - Matching Grant Request for Lower Town Hall Park Tot Lot Replacement
- F. Resolution #48-2023 Police Traffic Services Enforcement 2024-2026 Grant Program (DUI Grant)

**6. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS ITEMS**

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- A. Approval of April 4, 2023 Council Minutes
- B. Approval of April 19, 2023 Council Minutes
- C. Approval of April 2023 Financial Reports

**7. COUNCIL & STAFF REPORTS**

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- A. Township Manager, Mark Hudson
- B. Council/Jr. Council Member
- C. Solicitor
- D. Engineer

**8. PUBLIC COMMENT - NON-AGENDA ITEMS - RESIDENTS/TAXPAYERS ONLY - 3-MINUTE TIME LIMIT**

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**9. ADJOURNMENT**

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A. Move to Adjourn

**10. UPCOMING MEETINGS**

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A. Cancelled - Zoning Hearing Board: May 22, 2023

B. Planning Commission: May 25, 2023

C. Parks and Recreation Board: June 5, 2023

D. Environmental Advisory Council: June 13, 2023

E. Saucon Rail Trail Oversight Commission: June 26, 2023 at Upper Saucon Township

F. Landfill Committee Meeting: July 20, 2023

1. **OPENING**

- A. **CALL TO ORDER:** The General Business & Developer meeting of Lower Saucon Township Council was called to order on Wednesday, May 17, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. with Mr. Jason Banonis, presiding.

Mr. Banonis said we are going to proceed with the meeting now. We had some technical difficulties, which he thinks we've figured out. He would just offer that it came to their attention that, he thinks it was on Monday, Hellertown Borough had a hack of their council meeting where there was some homosexual pornographic video that was shown during the meeting and livestreamed out to the audience. He said we believe that the system we use is secure and if there is anybody who is tuning in using the system other than through the LST website link, obviously that is not our system and we don't have any control over whatever you may be seeing. If you are watching it on the official streaming through the Township website, everything should be safe and clean for you and hopefully you have no problems. If you do, please let them know and they will do whatever they can to address them.

- B. **ROLL CALL: Present:** Jason Banonis, President; Mark Inglis, Vice President; Priscilla deLeon, Sandra Yerger, Council Members; Linc Treadwell, Township Solicitor; Cathy Gorman, Assistant Manager & Director of Finance; Brien Kocher, Township Engineer; Stacy Werkheiser, Administrative Assistant. **Absent:** Mark Hudson Manager and Thomas Carocci, Council Member.

C. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

- D. **ANNOUNCEMENT OF ANY EXECUTIVE SESSION (IF APPLICABLE)** – Mr. Banonis said Council did meet in Executive Session this evening. We have two action items from that Executive Session, first he'll make a motion.

E. **POTENTIAL ACTION ON EXECUTIVE SESSION ISSUES (IF APPLICABLE)**

**MOTION BY:** Mr. Banonis moved to make an offer on Parcel Q8-1-6 to offer \$100.00 to Northampton County to purchase the land.

**SECOND BY:** Mr. Inglis

Attorney Treadwell said let him point out that the first issue we discussed in Executive Session was the potential acquisition of the property that the Chairman just mentioned, the President just mentioned.

**ROLL CALL:** 4-0-1 (Absent – Mr. Carocci)

Attorney Treadwell said the second issue they discussed was the procedural validity challenge to Ordinance No. 2022-02 and the Court decision regarding that.

**MOTION BY:** Mr. Banonis moved to not appeal the Northampton County Court decision on the procedural validity challenge regarding the rezoning.

**SECOND BY:** Mr. Inglis

**ROLL CALL:** 4-0-1 (Absent- Mr. Carocci)

- F. **PUBLIC COMMENT PROCEDURE** – Mr. Banonis said the public comment procedure is available outside the Council room. He would encourage you to familiarize you with it. We are now at the point of the agenda with the public comment items only residents and taxpayers with a 3-minute time limit.

➤ Danielle Yanchuk said she's here today to express opposition to the variance application that would allow a cell tower to be built at 4235 Lewis Avenue in Steel City, which her property is adjacent to. Township ordinances require that the proposed 150' tower be placed no less than 225' from any adjacent property line. The current site plans violate at least three adjacent property lines, the water tower as well as 2148 and 2163 Saucon Avenue. She would like to request that the applicant provide the exact measurement from the proposed tower location to all three property lines, which include the land each property deemed from the dissolved paper street of Randolph Avenue. The variance application falsely identifies this street as a public right-of-way, when in fact, this is not true. Randolph Avenue is owned and split by adjoining property owners in accordance with Pennsylvania Supreme Court Act 1889. She would also

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like clarification on the use of easements in the right-of-way as she understands it and as an adjacent property owner to the right-of-way of the paper street. We are well within the 500' of the proposed towers location and building around and using the abutting right-of-way without our consent would be prohibited under the Township zoning ordinances.

She said so let's talk about the criteria for variance approvals.

- Hardships – the applicant has created these so-called hardships and distance requirement challenges by his own doing from building other structures on his property.
- Character of the neighborhood – how exactly can you tell her that 150' steel lattice tower does not alter the character of a densely wooded residential mountainous neighborhood, a place many residents chose specifically for the unique mountainside characteristics of Steel City.
- Detriment to the public welfare - here we have a multitude of areas of concern. The health of the neighboring residents - the FCC used outdated research from 1996 to determine the perimeters of what they say is safe in regards to cell towers. Since then a multitude of scientific research has been published indicating that the existing technology of 2G, 3G, and 4G puts a serious health risk to humans, with children being among the most susceptible to these health hazards. We have many young children living in the vicinity of this proposed tower with zero proof that their health will not suffer as a result of living so close to a radiation emitting communications tower and zero studies done that show the health impacts to the general public when these cell towers are upgraded to 5G.
- Property values – the Department of Housing and Urban Development consider cell towers hazards and nuisances. Studies have indicated that properties located in close proximity to cell towers stand to lose up to 20% of their homes value when trying to sell.
- Potential forest fires from towers backup generators – what kind of power will be used. This tower is proposed to be built in a densely forested area in close proximity to homes. If a generator fire should erupt in this location, it can prove catastrophic to neighboring residents and out of control forest fire positioned just feet away would quickly consume homes before fire rescue services could get on site to contain the flames.
- How about water runoff from the property and soil erosion caused by adding an access road and removing existing vegetation in order to construct the tower. What tests have been done to ensure that the result of this construction won't affect neighboring residents which are directly below the towers location on the mountain? She can tell you that her property, being situated directly below the applicant's property, has experienced an increase in water runoff during heavy storms over the last few years as the owner has further developed his land. They are concerned that this will get worse as the land is further developed and the tower goes up.

She has lots more to add but she's out of time and she urges Council to conduct studies to investigate these points that she has mentioned before approving the conditional use of this tower.

Mr. Banonis said before we go on with the public comments on the agenda items, he understands that Mr. Thakkar has to leave early to pick up his daughter and we have some resolutions to recognize both his son and daughter and they are here today, so he would like a motion.

**MOTION BY:** Mr. Banonis moved to amend the agenda and interrupt the public comment just for a moment so that we can make these presentations to these two fine individuals who have contributed to the Township.

**SECOND BY:** Mrs. Yerger

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**ROLL CALL:** 4-0-1 (Absent – Mr. Carocci)

**3. B. RESOLUTIONS RECOGNIZING JR. COUNCIL MEMBERS**

Mr. Banonis said Resolutions have been prepared recognizing the following Jr. Council Members who served the 2022/2023 school year:

- Resolution #44-2023 – Rudra Thakkar served as Jr. Council to the Township Council
- Resolution #45-2023 – Nitya Thakkar served as Jr. Council to Planning Commission

Mr. Banonis read Resolution #44-2023 (*please see attached resolution*) and Resolution #45-2023 (*please see attached resolution*). He said Nitya couldn't join us this evening as she had a prior school commitment.

**MOTION BY:** Mr. Banonis moved for approval to adopt Resolution #44-2023 and Resolution #45-2023 recognizing Rudra Thakkar who served as Jr. Council member to the Township Council and Nitya Thakkar who served as Jr. Council member to the Planning Commission.

**SECOND BY:** Ms. deLeon

**ROLL CALL:** 4-0-1 (Absent – Mr. Carocci)

**MOTION BY:** Mr. Banonis moved to return to the original agenda and we are back at the public comment agenda items, residents and taxpayers only with a three-minute time limit.

**SECOND BY:** Mrs. Yerger

**ROLL CALL:** 4-0-1 (Absent – Mr. Carocci)

**2. PUBLIC COMMENT – AGENDA ITEMS ONLY – RESIDENTS/TAXPAYERS ONLY – 3 MINUTE TIME LIMIT**

- Shawn Yanchuk said he opposes the Verizon cell tower construction. The Township ordinance requires 150' tower be placed no less than 225' from any adjacent property line. Property values will decrease on the surrounding homes. The applicant claims hardship that he has no place left to build. Well maybe he should have planned out the placement of his pool, shed, gazebo and pole building, all of which he's sure he had the proper building permits and approvals for. World health organization's now list that wireless radiation as a possible carcinogen. Cell phone mass radiation causes an increase in the permeability of the blood brain barrier and a nerve cell and an increase in the oxidated stress. He moved to this area to get away from the city and enjoy the view. A 150' cell tower is not what he calls a nice view. To end all of this, if the applicant wants the tower badly, then place it behind his house. Thank you for your time.
- Biral Khan said he lives with his family adjoining the property. He works at Lehigh University in the College of Health. He's here to speak against the approval of this cell tower. He understands there is a huge demand for digital cellular communication but that demand comes with potential adverse health implications. It's crucial that you know that cell towers emit nonionizing radiation, radiation RFR and that while this is less damaging than ionizing radiation of x-rays or nuclear energy, it is nevertheless significant in its health concerns and the World Health Organization. The FCC have set guidelines for the safe exposure levels, but you should know that these guidelines are based on short-term acute exposure experiments and not long-term exposures, which are what would take place if you were to approve this. Studies have suggested that potential risks related to long-term exposure and at low intensity for nonionizing RFR's. For example, the International Agency for Research on Cancer classifies RFR's as 2B carcinogens, which means it is possible carcinogenic agent for humans. He hopes this should raise some eyebrows. Others speaking before him have argued about precisely why placing this tower where it is would violate existing guidelines. He would like to take it a step further. Let him tell you about some facts about one of our neighboring communities. The City of Allentown is rated No. 1 for asthma. It is the number one worst city in the U.S. for asthma and that's not because everybody there is violating guidelines. Everybody there is following the guidelines but the sad truth is that there's always a lag between official guidelines and the scientific facts. This lag basically unfortunately only gets resolved when people suffer and die and there are lawsuits and it doesn't have to be that way if our administrators were cognizant of

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the risks. What he's done here is he has printed out ten copies of the titles of 20 papers that speak specifically to the carcinogenic nature of long-term to radio frequency electromagnetic fields and they span the years 2010 to 2021, so all kinds of political climate, if you will, and he hopes you will consider that. He will leave it for you. Thank you.

- Glenn Kurtz said he lives directly behind the property of 4235 Lewis Avenue and he is in direct disapproval of the building of this tower, thinking of building the tower. They moved here in 2004 looking for another place to live and they found it and it's a beautiful place to live. It's quiet, it's peaceful, and there are no structures of enormous sizes that present any detriment to the community whatsoever. He feels this one would as you have heard. The mountain was previously mentioned to have certain aspects of drainage problems. If this is built, the water tower itself has some sort of gravel culvert that when it rains the water just gushes down the mountain, eroding the mountain past the water tower right past their house. It's like a river. He can imagine with something like this would ever come, he does disapprove of this, the land would be disrupted for whatever reason it would add to that and also its very dry and he heard there's going to be a generator possibly for something of this nature. That mountain is very dangerous. That wind whips right up the mountain and he can just imagine what could happen if there would be a fire from whatever. He knows nothing about cell phone towers so he is in disapproval of this. Thank you.
- Russ Sutton said he lives directly across the street where this tower is going to go up. He purposely lives there because he loves the scenic view. He does not want a tower sticking up in the middle of the forest. He's been doing this all along. He wants to save this mountain. Putting a tower up there is going to be hideous, especially when the leaves come off the trees. It's going to stick out like a sore thumb. There's also a possibility it could add height to this when they put a road up there. The road that is already there by the tower has major runoffs. It's already come down on his property and he had to put a dike in to prevent the water from going all over his property and there's a swale next to his house that the Township doesn't maintain. He had to repair it himself because they never cleared it out. It flooded his entire property and this is only going to make it worse and have much more flow water onto adjacent properties. It's going to lower their property values. That they don't need as they already have a problem with that. He just objects to it and the health dangers as well as he sees a lot of people have radiation problems. He just doesn't want to see anybody getting sick from that, especially children, so he opposes this tower.
- Laura Ray said she has a couple items to talk about. One was the actual addition of the agenda item called "New Agenda Item" that was on the agenda. Mr. Banonis said he can address that for her right away if you want him to. As he understands, that was a clerical error. Ms. Ray said okay. If it's a new thing, it should...Mrs. Gorman said it's not a new thing. Ms. Ray said she gets cut off. Mr. Banonis said you can go on, he thought he'd help her. Ms. Ray said no, she means the microphone cuts off. Mr. Banonis said Stacy you can start the clock over. Ms. Ray said then the other couple things were the items that are started to be addressed here, the Zoning Hearing Board (ZHB) applications, 5.A. and 5.B. On the agenda itself it only lists the address so that itself doesn't seem to follow with the spirit of the Sunshine Laws, which she knows we talked about this a long time ago with the library where the agenda items should be detailed and specific so that the public would know what they are about. People have become aware of this because we've been doing our due diligence in spreading the word when we see things that are questionable on the agenda. She would suggest more explanation on agenda items like this. The other thing is Item 5.C. the used police vehicle requests from the Lower Saucon Fire Rescue (LSFR), Dewey and the Lower Saucon Authority (LSA). She understands the requests from the LSFR and Dewey because they seem pretty reasonable as they are both non-profit agencies that serve the whole community. She wasn't sure about donating a vehicle to LSA because as far as she understands, it's really a business entity onto itself and it's not a non-profit. She's not really sure, but it's probably some special category as an authority, but she didn't know if it was correct in donating to this agency a police vehicle as the LSA is specifically serving a certain population. It's not really a general benefit to the overall population. She doesn't have enough information on that and she hopes we hear more in the discussion when you talk about that item.

Mr. Banonis said Linc, just to be clear, from your legal standpoint as our Solicitor, do Items 5.A. the ZHB application VAR #02-23, Lewis Avenue Council review and 5.B. ZHB application VAR #03-23, 2327 Ridge

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Drive Council review, do these meet for the purposes of the Sunshine Act in providing notice to the public as to those agenda items? Attorney Treadwell said yes, he believes they do. Also, for the record all the information and applications are posted on the website as well. Mr. Banonis said can you also explain to the public what LSA is in relationship to LST? Attorney Treadwell said LSA is a separate authority organized under the laws of the Commonwealth of the United States. It's not part of LST, but it's considered a governmental entity within LST. Mr. Banonis said water and sewer services to LST residents, correct. Attorney Treadwell said correct. Mr. Banonis said so the use of a LST vehicle by LSA would help to defray their operating costs and thereby reduce expenses that are passed on to the customers or in this case, the residents that receive water and sewer services from the LSA, right? Attorney Treadwell said it could, but also the more salient point is that you can donate property to another governmental entity. Mr. Banonis said okay; and they are considered a governmental entity? Attorney Treadwell said yes, they are.

- Lynn Hill said earlier it was mentioned that you are not appealing the zoning procedural zoning appeal for the conditional use, for the underlying zoning for the landfill. She just wanted to say because all this conditional use hearing is going on in our Township...Mr. Banonis said Ma'am, this is the portion of the meeting that's for agenda items. Are you here to speak on any of the agenda items or is this a non-agenda item. Ms. Hill said she thought since you already discussed it, it was an agenda item. Mr. Banonis said are you talking about the conditional use hearing? Ms. Hill said yes. Mr. Banonis said that's not on the agenda and it's not something that we discussed, did we, in Executive Session. If this is a non-agenda item, you are welcome to bring it up then, but she would suggest you defer it until later. Ms. Hill said okay, she's going to talk about an agenda item then. The cell tower that they want to put up in Steel City. Haven't the residents of Steel City dealt with enough already that they need a cell tower in their neighborhood? They are dealing with all this junk from the landfill and now a cell tower and that's just nasty and she hopes you do the right thing and don't allow that because it sounds like it's going to be in view of people's yards. If you would want a cell tower out in view of your backyard, maybe you could do that. It just sounds utterly ridiculous. That's her comment.
- Mark Ozimek said on the cell phone tower, he's not sure and maybe thought it might have been there already, but didn't they just put a brand new one up on 412 by the self-storage place. He's not sure if that was there as there was a crane there for three days last week, either working on it or assembling it. He doesn't know how close they got to be to work, but is there a specific reason for a cell phone tower there in Steel City. Attorney Treadwell said just to point out for the benefit of the audience that the application that is on tonight's agenda is an application by a property owner and a cell tower company that would go before the ZHB to ask for relief from the ZHB. This Council is not approving or denying it, nor has it promoted the cell tower in any way. The application is on as all ZHB applications go on the Council agenda to see it so they are aware of what it is, but the ultimate decision on this specific application would be made by the ZHB, not this Council. It comes here first. Mr. Ozimek said okay, when's that meeting. Mr. Banonis said it's on the website. Attorney Treadwell said he thinks it's June 30<sup>th</sup>. Ms. deLeon said June 30<sup>th</sup> is a Friday. Mr. Ozimek said okay, he can look it up. Mr. Banonis said it's actually May 22<sup>nd</sup> but it was cancelled. Attorney Treadwell said June 26<sup>th</sup> is the next ZHB meeting.
- Victoria Kadeane Opthof-Cordaro said first on the agenda items, she'd like to speak on the Executive Session announcement. She first wants to say that it's deplorable that we had to go through not only a zoning hearing appeal that our ZHB didn't want to deal with and a conditional use hearing on an underlying zoning ordinance that had eight deficiencies. She thinks this Township has been around for quite a long time. We have a very learned Solicitor and to have that many deficiencies in a zoning ordinance is something she hopes our Township can look through and hopefully learn from; and also learn from the idea that perhaps they should wait for that to happen before they spend a ton of legal fees on a conditional use special hearing officer and legal fees in dealing with the invalid zoning ordinance that had eight deficiencies. Her comment to that is she hopes also that in learning what happened with that situation in having the zoning hearing in December, a few days before Christmas, without any prior investigation or information about this application other than a blanket ordinance which clearly wasn't valid, she hopes that the Township doesn't proceed and decide to do this again because it's put the community in turmoil. It's put everybody in a very tough position and it's cost our taxpayers a lot of money for what. We sit here today where we were, she guesses December 21<sup>st</sup>

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or 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022 and how much money did we spend. The second item she wanted to discuss was the cell phone tower. She hopes that although you don't make a decision, you just pass it on to the ZHB, that perhaps there be some direction to the ZHB and hopefully them actually taking up action on it because we've had instances, the landfill being the primary example, where the ZHB just decided that although the Municipal Planning Code requires that they proceed with a zoning hearing, they just decide to strike it from their agenda and it looks like based upon their own schedule on the back here that they've stricken their May meeting, which may be a conflict again with the requirements to hold a meeting. She would implore Council look into that situation because there's also now additional litigation. We are paying for the Solicitor of the ZHB who has filed improper legal proceedings called preliminary objections on an appeal which we are paying for as taxpayers, so that's her second comment. She thanks you very much.

- Sue Lucrezi said from what she understands in your Executive Session, you decided to not appeal and she urges you to drop this issue. She worked for 35+ years, and she doesn't appreciate her hard-earned tax money being dumped into this legal fund that's going towards expanding the landfill. Save us our tax dollars and let it go. Thank you.

**3. PRESENTATIONS/HEARINGS/ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS**

**A. RESOLUTION #43-2023 – RECOGNIZING MICAELA JEBITSCH FOR EARNING THE GIRL SCOUT AWARD**

Mr. Banonis said Resolution #43-2023 has been prepared recognizing Micaela Jebitsch for earning her Girl Scout Gold award. He read the resolution (*please see attached Resolution #43-2023*). He said Micaela could not join us this evening, she had a prior commitment.

**MOTION BY:** Mr. Banonis moved for approval of Resolution #43-2023 recognizing Micaela Jebitsch for earning the Girl Scout award.

**SECOND BY:** Mrs. Yerger

**ROLL CALL:** 4-0-1 (Absent – Mr. Carocci)

**4. DEVELOPER ITEMS – None**

**5. TOWNSHIP BUSINESS ITEMS**

**A. ZONING HEARING BOARD APPLICATION #VAR 02-23 – 4235 LEWIS AVENUE – COUNCIL REVIEW**

Mr. Banonis said the applicant is requesting several variances in order to install a cell phone tower on the property of 4235 Lewis Avenue.

Kate Durso from Fitzpatrick Lentz and Bubba and Sue Manchel from Wireless Access Technologies were present. Ms. Durso said they've heard a lot of comments and she wants to clarify one thing first about the zoning hearing. The reason the zoning hearing was changed because originally, they were advised that the Council meeting was maybe going to change to next week which then interfered with the ZHB date, so they asked if we would agree to continue the zoning hearing to June, which they agreed to. They also provided the Township with an extension and a waiver of the time limit so there aren't any issues related that the Township is trying to hide something from anybody. We gave the extension. The second is they have submitted their first step for the variances. Ultimately if the variances were to be granted, they would go for conditional use approval. What conditional use approval is for the residents, is that the ordinance identifies what zoning districts a wireless communication facility can be located within. This is a property where the map identified is a place that is appropriate for a wireless communication facility to be located. They are specific and they need to adhere to. The main reason for the requested variance was that they were trying not to disturb a lot of the woodland area on the site. If the variance setback was not granted, they would relocate it elsewhere on the site, but the main reason they requested the setback variance was so they didn't have to clear cut a number of the trees so that they could have a natural buffer of the base of the facility.

Ms. Durso said the second variance is related to not having to pave the access drive. The reason they were asking for relief to not having to pave the access drive was to not create more stormwater in the



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area than would be otherwise necessary. The other reason is typically these facilities only generate traffic about every 4 to 6 weeks of a maintenance vehicle so it's not something that would necessarily have to be a paved surface.

Ms. Durso said the third is really not a variance as much as it is an interpretation the ordinance allows the use of natural existing vegetation to buffer the base of the facility. As she stated, the site is located within a wooded area so it made more sense to ask for permission to use the existing, more mature sense wooded area as a natural buffer rather than moving mature trees and replacing them with shorter evergreen trees.

Ms. Durso said as it relates to alleged health effects, the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 would prohibit the municipality, by law, from being able to deny a facility on the basis of alleged health effects. The Federal government has made determination as to what should be permitted at maximum exposure levels and that is what the wireless carrier is required, by law, to have to meet. These facilities operate hundreds of times less than the maximum exposure limitations set by the Federal government.

Ms. Durso said as it relates to property values, the facility again is allowed by conditional use. This is a determination that this wireless communications facility is appropriate for the property and that location, even given that it is in a residential area and zoned RA.

Ms. Durso said another comment was related to the runoff. If the variances were to be granted and they were to submit for conditional use approval, they are required to include a site plan. They did include a site plan with the zoning application which shows E&S erosion and sedimentation controls so that they would address any runoff that were perhaps be generated by the site. Typically, when they go for a conditional use and a site plan submission, the Township Engineer participates in the review of those materials to make sure that the site and facility would not be generating or causing any concerns from a stormwater runoff perspective. The facility itself is a small compound. It's not going to generate any significant stormwater runoff; however, there are mechanisms in place in the Township's ordinances that would require those to be reviewed by the Township. They are here as was explained by Attorney Treadwell as they submitted for variances first, and if they were to get the variances, then they would proceed with the conditional use submission. They are happy to answer any questions that the Council may have.

Mr. Banonis said he has one question, you had said this was identified as an appropriate location for this, is there a need for cell phone coverage in this area. In other words, are there dropped phone calls along the Lehigh River, along the Route 33 corridor, and does that have any effect, if at all, on emergency services and 911 calls and emergency responses? Ms. Durso said yes, Verizon Wireless would not be proposing this site if there wasn't a need for the site. There's a need for the site from a capacity standpoint and from a coverage standpoint. That would include anybody using a Verizon facility in this general area whether they are making a private phone call or whether they are making a 911 emergency service call, that is correct.

Ms. Durso said the other reason and desire for the site nowadays is because of COVID, a lot of people are working from their homes and they need to have wireless coverage. A lot of more millennial type don't even have hard line phones, so the wireless is the only form of communication and so if you are on the Verizon network and you were to have this site constructed, you would be able to use that facility to make calls from your home if you lived in close proximity. They will have at the zoning hearing as well if they proceed to the conditional use, a Radio Frequency Engineer who will justify and support the need for the facility as that is a requirement for the conditional use. Someone spoke out from the audience. Mr. Banonis said Ma'am, you had your chance to speak.

Mr. Inglis said to go back to the beginning, you said it's a permitted property for a cell phone tower as is. Ms. Durso said she said it's permitted. What she said is that the zoning district to which the

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property is located within, is an area that allows wireless communication facilities by conditional use. What a conditional use means is it's allowed as long as you meet the ordinance requirements.

Mr. Inglis said by putting it where you are putting it, you want to save the trees. Ms. Durso said that's part of the reason they asked for the variance. They certainly can relocate it further into the site, but that will require removal of a lot of trees and many times people don't want to see all the trees removed, so their first step was to ask the ZHB if it would be willing to grant the relief related to that. They are well aware of what the setback requirements are and the size of that tract.

Mrs. Yerger said she's a little confused. You have properties within the 200' radius of Lewis Avenue and you have properties listed as Easton Road. Easton Road is a long way from Lewis Avenue. It's not making any sense to her. Ms. Durso said the list of properties would have been obtained, there's a map with it, from the Northampton County Tax Assessment office. Mrs. Yerger said you are going to have to check on that.

Mr. Banonis said Sandy, he thinks this list identifies the parcel numbers which are part of Northampton County, so if you look at Parcel No. 1, that's a property that's owned by LST somewhere within a 200' radius and it identifies the property address. It should actually be the property owner address as 3700 Old Philadelphia Pike is where we are right now. Mrs. Yerger said she understands that. Mr. Banonis said that would be the same with No. 3. He believes the owner of Parcel P7-5-0719, Paul F. Steckel, Jr. c/o Margaret Mansfield, that owner is on Easton Road, not that that's the location of the property. The property is identified by the parcel. That parcel is located within the 200' radius but the property address means the owner of the parcel, not necessarily the physical location of that individual. They may not live there. They may not be on that property, is that right Linc? Attorney Treadwell said he doesn't know; he was going to ask Kate. Ms. Durso said she will clarify with the Zoning Officer. Mrs. Yerger said she just wants to make sure. The other way, some are listed very clearly that this is the property owner and they live here. Ms. Durso said usually we just get the printout from the County. Mrs. Yerger said it's not very clear. Ms. Durso said they will clarify it and make sure Mr. Young has it confirmed before the notices go out before the June 26<sup>th</sup> hearing. Mrs. Yerger said if this was a mistake and there are other properties that are going to be impacted other than these, then we need to know that.

Ms. deLeon said does our ordinance require paving of the access road. Ms. Durso said yes. Ms. deLeon said so it's a requirement and you are asking for a variance for that. Ms. Durso said a variance to not have to pave the access road, yes. Ms. deLeon said so that's really, you are supposed to look at hardships, so that was kind of self-created. Ms. Durso said understood and if they have to pave it, then they will pave it. They were trying again to avoid having additional runoff that would be unnecessary for a site like this. Ms. deLeon said are you providing for a site runoff from the site plan of the tower base. Ms. Durso said yes. Right now, they are going to the ZHB, but included in the plans is an E&S plan. Again, if they get through the ZHB and they were to submit for conditional use approval, it would include a site plan review, which would include a review of that.

Ms. deLeon said she does live next to the property, just so everybody knows that. One day she was sitting on her deck and she happened to look up to Rocky's property and she saw a red balloon. When she saw that balloon, Rocky told her he was applying for this. She said well you are a property owner and you can apply, do what you want. It has to go through the process, but he told her it was going to be behind the water tank. When she looks at the stuff in their packet for tonight's meeting and she looks at the water tank, it's no way near the water tank. It's more between the Yanchuk's property and her property when you look at the pictures and you see the little arrow that goes down. That's right in a paper street. She'd like to see, do you have with you a plan that shows her property, her neighbor's property, Randolph Avenue, where this box is going to be. She'll call it a box for the area that the tower is going to take up. Rocky has 10 acres of land so why here. Steel City is the most densely populated area in the entire Township, did you know that Kate? Ms. Durso said she knows that it's fairly dense. Ms. deLeon said well it's the densest property in the Township. So you are putting a cell tower on the edge of their properties and there's over 250 homes there, so she's

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talking about herself, but she's also talking about her neighbors. She'd like to see that plan because it was very, you know how you make copies after copies after copies, it was very unclear in their packet. Ms. Durso said she's not sure what's in your packet, but she has a plan. Ms. deLeon said do you have an extra. Ms. Durso said she only has this one with her because she wasn't intending to show any exhibits.

Ms. Durso took the plan up to Ms. deLeon. Ms. Durso said she heard what somebody said about Randolph being a paper street and that each property owner would own to the middle of the street. It actually would make the setback greater than what's indicated on the plan because their property owner would also own to the middle, but they will verify that before they go to the ZHB so they are sure what the setback is. If it was in fact a paper street that has been vacated, she does agree each property owner would own to the middle of that. Ms. deLeon said correct, and Rocky was subdividing because he combined 10 acres to create his property. That was way back when he first started building. She thought that he already absorbed his half of Randolph Avenue. That's what she recalls as an adjacent property owner. This doesn't show that though. Ms. Durso said she will pull an old map to verify.

Ms. deLeon said when you look at the pictures and it shows that little arrow thing. Ms. Durso said you are talking about the photo simulation that they submitted. Ms. deLeon said correct. Can you show that up there, the first PDF? Is there a reason you did not take her adjacent neighbor's picture? Ms. Durso said they can't go on private property to take the pictures, so they would have driven around on public roads in order to take the pictures. They would not be taking it first from every single property owner, and second, they typically fly the balloon, which is the red balloon you saw and they will drive out. Ms. deLeon said can you turn that sideways? Yes, that thing up there. You learn something new every day.

Ms. deLeon said that's her driveway and so if you move the cursor back, now up, can you see, does anybody have a pointer. There's a proposed lattice tower. She does not know where her property line ends, she's approximating right here between her house and the Yanchuks. So right there, the water tank is over on the other side of their property, which if you look at the plans there, and the paper street things, it shows a little circle for the water tank. It looks like it's right behind there so your plans don't match up. Ms. Durso said she's not seeing a water tank on their plan.

Someone from the audience spoke out. Mr. Banonis said Ma'am, you have to stop the outbursts. You had your opportunity to speak, it's now the applicant's opportunity to put on their presentation, alright, so please don't interrupt again.

Ms. deLeon said somewhere in here, you have a lot plan showing the one she showed her. Someone in the audience spoke out. Mr. Banonis said Ma'am, this is not your opportunity to speak, it's the applicant's opportunity. Ma'am you had, Ma'am, he's not here to debate you. This is their opportunity to speak, okay. This is their application. They are here to answer the questions to Council at this point. You had the opportunity to speak on agenda items.

Ms. deLeon said somewhere in our packet, there is a similar map like that which shows the properties along the other side of Randolph and it shows a circle for the water tank, right by the paper street. Ms. Durso said they can add the water tank on the plan.

Mr. Banonis said she should just wait until Ms. deLeon asks a question and then you can respond to whatever question she has. He doesn't think she's asked for anything at this point.

Ms. deLeon said she's looking. She did ask and apparently you didn't understand that she asked to see the map that showed the location of the water tank. Ms. Durso said are you talking about the page that's ahead of that maybe? She thinks that's it; it just didn't copy well. Ms. deLeon said yes, see the circle. Ms. Durso said on somebody else's property. Ms. deLeon said that would be the LSA who owns that track and that's where the big water tank is. Ms. Durso said it's not on their property.

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Ms. deLeon said it's not on Rocky's property. Ms. Durso said why are we talking about the water tank. Ms. deLeon said because she was told that the cell tower was going to be behind the water tank and she's looking at these maps and she's showing it in a different place. Ms. Durso said the tower is directly across from the Township property. If you look right there, there's the water tank, the circle you are speaking of. They are right across from each other. Ms. deLeon said so that's the box where the tower is and then it's right across from the circle. Ms. Durso said correct. Ms. deLeon said but she just showed you pictures of her property with that little line coming down that does not show it behind the water tank because the water tank is, she doesn't know how far up the street from her, another distance. Ms. Durso said the photo simulation is taken by driving around different areas and then taking photographs. Ms. deLeon said this is the Yanchuks and this is the water tank, it's right here. Ms. Durso said correct. Ms. deLeon said then she can look at a picture from her house, down her driveway, showing the orange thing, which she is guessing is about right there.

Ms. Durso said she's not exactly sure what she is asking. Ms. deLeon said she lives there; she knows what she is looking at. Ms. Durso said she understands what she's saying, well, she doesn't understand what you are saying. Ms. deLeon said what do you mean you don't understand. Ms. Durso said she doesn't understand what you are asking. Ms. deLeon said what did she say wrong. Ms. Durso said she's not saying you said anything wrong; she just doesn't know what you are asking her. All she can tell you is that the plan shows from a survey where the wireless communication facility is proposed. She understands you are talking about the water tank and that is on the Township property across Randolph. Ms. deLeon said the authority property. Ms. Durso said the authority's property across Randolph paper street. She doesn't know what Rocky told you. She wasn't privy to that conversation, but she does know where the wireless facility is proposed to be located as it's surveyed on the plan.

Ms. deLeon said okay. She read the three-page letter you put together about the setbacks and you know, the proposed tower where it's supposed to be. Our ordinance requires commercial communication towers outside of a right-of-way to be set back 1.5 times the tower height from property lines, existing residential dwellings, residential boundary lines where a tower is not permitted, and from occupied buildings. We all live in an occupied building that's going to be there, so where's our protection. Ms. Durso said we are set back the required height, well, we have requested the variances, which is why we are going to the ZHB and requested variances from the setback towards Randolph Avenue to the eastern property line. We meet the setback to the southern property line and we meet the setback to the western property line. Ms. deLeon said right, so you are taking away all the protections that's in our ordinance to protect the neighbors from a cell tower. Ms. Durso said well we are set back the required distance from all of the neighbors across Randolph Avenue. Ms. deLeon said say that again. Ms. Durso said you are saying we are not set back the correct distance from your house. We are set back a correct distance from your house. We have asked for the setback variance to Randolph Avenue, the property immediately across from Randolph Avenue is the LSA property. Ms. deLeon said that's not how she took it when she looked at all this stuff, so she thinks there's an error in here somewhere.

Ms. deLeon said Rocky picked this area, it says it right here. Ms. Durso said Rocky was involved in the selection of where the site would be located, yes, he is the property owner. Ms. deLeon said he has ten acres. Ms. Durso said he has ten acres. Ms. deLeon said well, she guesses as an adjacent property owner, she is opposed to this also in support of her neighbors. She's opposing this.

Mr. Banonis said are you done? Ms. deLeon said she's not sure if she's done yet, she has to look at another piece of paper. Mr. Banonis said he'll wait until she's done. Ms. deLeon said she really feels a hardship has not been created by the applicant and it will alter the essential character of their neighborhood. People moved here because of the secludedness of Steel City. It's a great place to live and you are changing the character. She really feels, like she said before, we're in the most densely populated area of the Township. You want to put a cell tower in their backyard. So like she said before, she's opposed.

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Mr. Banonis said he has a couple of questions for his own clarification. He just wants to understand, with regard to the setback relief you are requesting under 180-127.1A2.A5D, that is with regard to the setback across Randolph Avenue and the interested party to that would be the LSA where the water tower is located, correct? Ms. Durso said that is correct. They have to be set back from the property line. Mr. Banonis said he understands that. He's just trying to understand, and we had public comment and the LSA was not here to speak in any opposition to what you are proposing, and to seek any strict enforcement of that section of the code, correct? Ms. Durso said that would be correct. They are also required to be set back 500' from the R-20 zone, which is where those residents are and they are set back the required distance from the R-20 zone. Mr. Banonis said he understands that. There have been some questions about the location on this property and he understands this location was chosen in part because it's least disruptive to the trees. If you were to put it on another part of the property you would need to cut down trees, which is obviously environmental. Ms. Durso said that is correct.

Mr. Banonis said when you did your study for this location, was this identified as the best or suitable location for this tower on the property. Ms. Durso said well a couple of things go into that. This property was primarily chosen one, because it was an area where Verizon Wireless needed to locate the facility, and two, it's a large tract given most of the other tracts around there are smaller. Mr. Banonis said he's familiar with that, he was on the ZHB when Rocky moved here and he bought the 10 lots and he consolidated the 10 and people came in and complained and said he should put up 10 houses and he said he wanted to put up one house instead of putting up 10 houses and people complained about that so he remembers this property very, very well.

Ms. Durso said the location on the property was primarily...Mr. Banonis said Priscilla, it's not a lie because he was there so don't say that. He doesn't know if she was but he remembers being there very clearly.

Ms. Durso said it was primarily to try to avoid unnecessary tree removals. Could it be other places potentially on Rocky's property, yes, but again they are going to the ZHB so that they can have not as much tree disturbance as they would otherwise have. Ms. deLeon said just disturb the residents. That's okay though.

Ms. Durso said well, again, it's zoned where the wireless communication facility should be located. By law, that is where they are told by your ordinance to go. Ms. deLeon said she's been here a long time too. Ms. Durso said and she's been doing the wireless for a long time too. Ms. deLeon said she knows you have.

Mr. Banonis said Sir, folks, these people, stop, these people were very, Priscilla, it's his floor. Okay stop interrupting come on. You can do better than that Priscilla. Ms. deLeon said she should use her gavel she got at...Mr. Banonis said come on Priscilla, you are better than that. Folks, these folks were respectful to you when you wanted to get up and speak, and yet you are still blurting out and interrupting them. Would you please provide some courtesy to them? Please, he doesn't think that's asking too much. You understand what the rules are for the meeting. Please follow them so we can have an orderly meeting. If you can't do that, then please leave the meeting, okay. Thank you.

Ms. deLeon said she has one more question. Mr. Banonis said he's not done yet. Ms. deLeon said okay. She said when you are done. Mr. Banonis said fair enough. With regard to the paving part of this, he's not understanding any hardship here with regard to the paving. He understands you are saying it would lessen the water runoff. He doesn't know if that's the case or not. He doesn't know what kind of driveway he has, if it's paved in part, if it's gravel, if it's compact or anything else. Obviously, there's no study been done on that, right? Ms. Durso said it's not compacted now. If it was paved, it would be compacted which would typically create more of a sheet flow than what is there now.

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Mr. Banonis said are there stormwater measures on the property currently based upon the driveway and what exists on the property, the structures and any other development? Ms. Durso said she doesn't know if she can answer that question, but she can find out. She doesn't know what stormwater measures he may or may not have on his tract. Ms. deLeon said that would be a good question to answer. Thank you, Jason. Mr. Banonis said Priscilla, he knows you have another comment, then he has something else.

Ms. deLeon said her question is are you required to have some kind of a signature with the adjacent property owners, like who are closest to this? Are you required to do that? Ms. Durso said not under your ordinance. Ms. deLeon said she didn't know; it's been a long time since we passed that cell tower ordinance. Ms. Durso said we would ask for the variances, that's what we do.

Mrs. Yerger said we had a list of properties within a 200' radius of the 4235 Lewis Avenue address. Ms. Durso said yes. Mrs. Yerger said then we were talking 500' setbacks. Can you clarify what's the difference between these two papers? Ms. Durso said the 200' radius is what the Township requires them to provide a list because that is what is necessary for providing notice. The 500' she spoke about, there's a separate ordinance requirement that says you need to be 500' from a zoning district to where towers are not otherwise permitted. The R-20 zoning district does not allow towers as a conditional use or by right or by special exception, and so they would need to be 500' with our tower from the R-20 zoning district. We confirmed that as well. The 200' is just what the municipality has chosen to be necessary for notice.

Mr. Inglis said just to clarify, by law, it says you can and what you are going for is the variance so we can avoid tree removal and moving it to a different part of the property. Ms. Durso said they go to the ZHB to ask for variances. They believe that the specific location on the property is best in order to avoid unnecessary tree removal. If the ZHB were to say we are not going to give you those variances, then we would need to relocate it in the site and show compliance with the setbacks and in which case, it would just be conditional use provided we address the paving and like she said the interpretation on using the natural screening.

Mr. Inglis said you could have another place on the property to put it, but this is chosen so you can avoid more tree removal. Ms. Durso said that's one of the primary reasons. Mr. Inglis said now will the trees help block this tower. If you put it somewhere else, would it be hidden more, in theory? Ms. Durso said hidden more? Mr. Inglis said because if you have 100' or 120' trees, it's going to block 100' tower pretty nicely. Ms. Durso said they picked where they were so that they could be within the trees and not have to remove them. If they have to remove trees, they are potentially removing natural exposures. If you saw the photo simulation you can see the dense vegetation. In some of those photographs you could just see the tower through the trees. They were also taken at a time where there are trees so nobody can say they took it at a time where the leaves are all going to be fallen off and you are going to see it more. So they wanted to illustrate the existing dense vegetation that's there currently and obviously not wanting to disturb more than they would need to, yes. Mr. Inglis said then plant smaller trees that wouldn't have the same benefit as the taller trees. Ms. Durso said correct. Let's just say that the property had no trees on it, they would be putting in an evergreen screen around all the sides. They of course would not be the size of the trees that are there now. She believes off the top of her head they are probably required to be 6' to 8' evergreens to be planted. Clearly not as tall as the ones that are there now.

Mr. Banonis said with regard to the setback to Randolph Avenue, the LSA is really the interested party here and they have not come forth with any opposition to this. As to the paving, he has some questions about that, particularly with the stormwater management measures that are in place. The landscaping, that doesn't seem to make much sense to plant smaller trees among bigger trees that aren't going to provide any additional screening. What he would like to do is make a motion.

**MOTION BY:** Mr. Banonis moved to table this application for #VAR 02-23 and ask if they would come back to our next meeting with some answers to our questions, specifically the ones that Sandy had

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brought up as to the properties because it's unclear to us. We think we may know, but we'd like clarification on that to make sure all interested parties have received notice concerning this application and also if you could provide us and certainly this is not the time where you have to submit a full stormwater management plan or anything else, but if you could provide us with some information as to the stormwater management measures that are currently existing and how they may or may not be impacted by paving, that may be helpful to our deliberations.

**SECOND BY:** Ms. deLeon

Ms. deLeon said she has one more question for them. Mr. Banonis said he made a motion. Do you want him to add something to the motion? Ms. deLeon said she has a question; she can ask another question. Mr. Banonis said you can ask a question because nobody seconded the motion. Ms. deLeon said she just said she seconded his motion but she has a question. Mr. Banonis said then go ahead.

Ms. deLeon said Kate, the platform, she'll call it a platform, your site area, how large is that? Ms. Durso said she believes it's 50x50, but let her just confirm. Yes, 50x50 fence compound, 2500 square feet. Ms. deLeon said so that would be the fencing around the tower, so the tower footprint would be more than 50x50, but how far away from the fence would that be. The only reason she's...go ahead, she has a purpose here. Ms. Durso said it's a lattice tower, if she's looking at the compound, she may be able to rough it for you. Ms. deLeon said when you come back, you can give her the specific answer but she's just curious. The reason why she's saying this is because trees that surround our properties are at least, she's guessing, 120' tall maybe, some of them. She can't tell you the number of trees that fall down on all the properties of her neighbors. What would happen if a tree would fall and kind of fall on your tower. Ms. Durso said they located towers in all different areas, close to trees, within trees, part of trees, because of the structural stability and structural requirements for the tower, she's not a Structural Engineer, but she's going to say this, it's not an issue. They also have these long shorelines and they would withstand hurricane winds. Ms. deLeon said they have weird trees that like to fall down. Ms. Durso said in answer to your question, it's a lattice tower, so it's bigger at the base and tapers at the top. Ms. deLeon said she saw pictures, she read your paper. Ms. Durso said she's eyeballing it because she's not a surveyor but she would say the tower itself, based on the fence compound, looks like it is maybe 20' from the fence and is roughly in the center of the fence compound and that's just rough. Ms. deLeon said when's our next meeting if they come back. Mr. Banonis said June 21<sup>st</sup>. Ms. deLeon said then the ZHB would be the following Monday. Things could change, she's just questioning it. Mr. Banonis said he's just dealing with what's in front of us which is the application. How they get to the ZHB is up to them or when they get to the ZHB.

**ROLL CALL:** 4-0-1 (Absent – Mr. Carocci)

**B. ZONING HEARING BOARD APPLICATION #VAR 03-23 – 2327 RIDGE DRIVE – COUNCIL REVIEW**

Mr. Banonis said the applicant is requesting a variance to install a solar array at 2327 Ridge Drive. He asked if anyone was here for this agenda item? Michael Blair was present with Solar Energy World. He said he was here to answer any questions you may have about it.

Mr. Kocher said the Township ordinance has very little specific requirements to the solar panel arrays. They can't be located in the front yard. They can't block solar access to adjacent properties. They simply are violating the setback to the adjacent property line with the structure. As he understands it, it is existing and has been built in that location.

Mr. Blair said that is correct. When they applied for the permit originally, they received an initial approval which their permit manager who was with them at that time, incorrectly interpreted that as an approved permit and they moved to install based off of that. Afterwards, when they found out what the issue was, they then applied for the variance, a little more context. On this particular property or any other location that may even be a viable option would actually create much more visibility problems or hindrance to neighboring properties. Also, it would either create runoff problems or septic issues, well water, things of that nature, or be in clear violation of other ordinances

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such as private property and so on. Also, the place where it currently is, if it was broken up into four separate parts, creating a 6” gap between each of the four parts, it would actually fall within the permitted ordinance. Their option would be essentially to break it up and make it a longer and thereby a larger structure, which would be permitted or ask for the variance keeping a smaller footprint.

**MOTION BY:** Mr. Banonis moved for Council to take no position on this.  
**SECOND BY:** Ms. deLeon  
**ROLL CALL:** 4-0-1 (Absent – Mr. Carocci)

Mr. Banonis said what that means is we take no position, it means we are not in favor of it, we are not against it. When he says we are not in favor of it, it doesn't mean we are appreciative of what you are proposing. If we were to be in favor of it, we'd have to pay for this guy to go to the ZHB meeting and incur those costs, which we believe may be unnecessary here. What you do is go to the ZHB and seek your relief before the ZHB and depending on what they do then depends on the direction that it goes.

**C. USED POLICE VEHICLE REQUESTS FROM LSFR/DEWEY/LSA**

Mr. Banonis said the Township has received a request from Lower Saucon Fire and Rescue, Lower Saucon Authority and Dewey EMS for the donation of a used police vehicle. Township staff has discussed the requests, and we have three vehicles that will be available this year to donate if Council approves. Township staff makes the following recommendations:

- Lower Saucon Fire and Rescue - 2017 Ford Explorer SUV – 87,112 miles
- Lower Saucon Authority - 2015 Ford Explorer SUV – 142,450 miles
- Dewey EMS - 2015 Ford Taurus Sedan – 120,632 miles

**MOTION BY:** Mr. Banonis moved to approve the vehicle request as noted to LSFR, LSA, and Dewey EMS.  
**SECOND BY:** Mrs. Yerger  
**ROLL CALL:** 4-0-1 (Absent – Mr. Carocci)

**D. RESOLUTION #46-2023 KEYSTONE GRANT – ADDITIONAL GRANT MONEY FOR UPPER TOWN HALL PARK PLAYGROUND**

Mr. Banonis said it's always good when people want to give us money. The Township received a grant for \$200,000.00 from the statewide Local Services Account fund, the total of the original grant submission was for \$264,030.00. The Township is asking for the difference of \$64,030.00 from the Keystone Grant Fund which we were encouraged to do by a representative from DCED.

**MOTION BY:** Mr. Banonis moved for approval of Resolution #46-2023 Keystone Grant for additional grant money of \$64,030.00 for the upper Township Hall Park Playground.  
Someone in the audience asked what DCED was? Ms. Gorman said Department of Community and Economic Development.  
**SECOND BY:** Mr. Inglis  
**ROLL CALL:** 4-0-1 (Absent – Mr. Carocci)

**E. RESOLUTION #47-2023 NORCO GRANT – MATCHING RANT REQUEST FOR LOWER TOWN HALL PARK TOT LOT REPLACEMENT**

Mr. Banonis said the Township will submit a grant for the 2023 GROW NORCO grant for the replacement of the tot lot which is the lower playground closer to the Township building. This is a 50/50 matching grant; we would like to request \$50,000.00 that the Township will match.

**MOTION BY:** Mr. Banonis moved for approval of Resolution #47-2023 GROW NORCO Grant requesting \$50,000.00 which is a matching grant for lower Town Hall Park Tot Lot replacement.  
Mrs. Yerger said it's always nice to see the kids playing there and she sees them almost every time she comes here.



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**SECOND BY:** Mrs. Yerger  
**ROLL CALL:** 4-0-1 (Absent – Mr. Carocci)

**F. RESOLUTION #48-2023 POLICE TRAFFIC SERVICES ENFORCEMENT 2024-2026 GRANT PROGRAM (DUI GRANT)**

Mr. Banonis said Resolution #48-2023 has been prepared authorizing the Council President to execute the DUI grant application on behalf of LST Police Department.

**MOTION BY:** Mr. Banonis moved for approval of Resolution #48-2023 police traffic services enforcement 2024-2026 grant program (DUI Grant)  
**SECOND BY:** Mr. Inglis  
**ROLL CALL:** 4-0-1 (Absent – Mr. Carocci)

**7. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS ITEMS**

**A. APPROVAL OF APRIL 4, 2023 COUNCIL MINUTES**

Mr. Banonis said the April 4, 2023 Council minutes are ready for Council's review and approval.

**MOTION BY:** Mr. Banonis moved for approval of the April 4, 2023 Council minutes.  
**SECOND BY:** Mrs. Yerger  
**ROLL CALL:** 4-0-1 (Absent – Mr. Carocci)

**B. APPROVAL OF April 19, 2023 COUNCIL MINUTES**

Mr. Banonis said the April 19, 2023 Council minutes are ready for Council's review and approval.

**MOTION BY:** Mr. Banonis moved for approval of the April 19, 2023 Council minutes.  
**SECOND BY:** Mrs. Yerger  
**ROLL CALL:** 4-0-1 (Absent – Mr. Carocci)

**C. APPROVAL OF APRIL 2023 FINANCIAL REPORTS**

Mr. Banonis said the April 2023 Financial Reports are ready for Council's review and approval.

**MOTION BY:** Mr. Banonis moved for approval of the April 2023 Financial Reports.  
**SECOND BY:** Mr. Inglis  
**ROLL CALL:** 4-0-1 (Absent – Mr. Carocci)

**8. COUNCIL & STAFF REPORTS**

**A. ASSISTANT TOWNSHIP MANAGER – No report**

**B. COUNCIL/JR. COUNCIL**

**Jr. Council** - Absent

**Mr. Inglis**

- Parks and Rec. met last month. They want to pursue pickleball courts. They've identified a spot out at the Polk Valley Park where the original community center was designed to go. They figured this was a nice place to put it because apparently, it's noisy and they are away from people and neighbors there and he thinks it's a discussion of whether we put in 4, 5 or 6 courts. He spoke to Mark Hudson about this and we are going to talk to HEA a little bit and see what they can do to get that ball rolling.
- They also talked about perhaps pursuing a community center option over where the dog park is. Where it was originally set up where we'd like to put the pickleball courts, which really isn't a really big piece of property but now since we own where the dog park is, it will be much better situation over there. It was just a conversation to start talking about it. Nothing serious yet, but just if anybody has any feedback or comments, they'd appreciate hearing them. Mrs. Yerger said what are you going to do with the dog park? Mr. Inglis said it would stay. It would go below the dog park. Like he said, it's strictly in preliminary stages looking for feedback and if anyone has anything to say.

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- They had a nice meeting down at Heller Homestead last week and they sort of followed up with what they came up with before, with the conservancy. They spoke with a gentleman that's a restoration specialist, and unfortunately, he thinks his technique would be extremely expensive and cost prohibitive to ever really get anywhere with it. They came up with somewhat of a hybrid plan where they would like to keep the footprint of the barn intact, stabilize the walls and actually make them more sitting walls, 2' or 3' high as they have some concerns with safety and they really didn't want to fence the project. They wanted to keep it open for everybody to be able to access. The arch has already been stabilized so that's in good shape. They would like to see some traditional mortar methods that our restoration specialist advised. So they doing a sort of a hybrid. They are doing some of the original stuff using the original stones and everything else and the original mortar that would have been used and then making it just smaller. To do this, they have to somewhat ask Public Works to do some work with some heavy equipment to gain access to the walls that they can either lower for safety purposes and also cost, and also create some grade changing situations so we don't have any more water problems. They'd also like to remove the concrete apron in front and do something else, they are not exactly sure yet. This is a work in progress, but the conservancy signed off on a lot of our ideas. We want to bury the existing stone that's there with dirt and as the one gentleman said God willing we ever get a grant of a half of million dollars or what not to rebuild it, all the stone will be on site and we can just dig it back up and use it. Honestly, Priscilla, \$500,000 to \$1 million to do something like that. Ms. deLeon said she'll just reach into her pocket. Mr. Inglis said it's cost prohibitive so they came up with this solution as a nice way to perhaps remove the fence, clean up the rubble and have it as a park that the community can use, take pictures on it. He thinks it would be very nice. He's not sure what direction we should go. Do we ask Roger to do the work? Do we have to make a motion to do the work? Any thoughts? Mrs. Yerger said has Roger been there to see it? Ms. deLeon said he was there last week, he knows what we talked about. Mrs. Yerger said she figured, but just wanted to make sure he was familiar with what we may or may not do. Mr. Banonis said we can probably have a conversation with Mark when he gets back and explain to him what needs to be done and then the estimates and everything else. Mr. Inglis said we have got some estimates on the stone work. He asked Priscilla if she has them. She said she never got them. Mr. Inglis said he thinks they went to Roger. Ms. deLeon said she did find a plan that was done by John Millner Associates that kind of went over the steps that we were going to do and pretty much follow the same lines as theirs, but that was 15 years ago. Mr. Inglis said he thinks we should get the ball rolling on this. Mr. Banonis said it sat for 25 years and he appreciates Mr. Inglis efforts to get this moving and at least get it cleaned up and see what's in there and start rehabilitating it and making it of some use to the Township. It's a little better than what it was and it's certainly a hazard, so it's great Mr. Inglis is doing this now. He asked Cathy to follow up with Mark and see if he got those estimates and if he didn't to follow up with Roger to see where they are. If we haven't received them, have Mark reach out to the contractor to get them ASAP. If we can get this on the agenda for the June meeting and see what's there and approve it and get some progress.

**Mrs. Yerger** – No report

**Mr. Banonis**

- We got some good news yesterday. The Township has received \$508,000.00 of grant money from DCED for Northampton County allocated for the Easton Road ballfield improvements. Just to provide some historical perspective. We had tried to get this going last year and we got an exorbitant estimate in. He thinks it was \$2.4 million during the height of COVID when there were supply shortages and manpower shortages so we decided to table the remodeling of the ballfields with the hope that prices would come down and we could get some additional funding. We received \$508,000.00 here which is a nice chunk of change towards that project. He is thankful. As he understands it, our State Representative Milou Mackenzie was integral in advancing that cause and getting that money which is really interesting because the location of the Easton Road ballfield is actually not within her district. It's Bob Freeman's district, but Milou was able to get us money for over there and we thank

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her for that. Ms. deLeon said remember a lady in the audience several meetings ago said that the Township has a lease with the ballfield. Did you ever look into that, did we ever find out? Mr. Banonis said he asked Mark to look into that and he didn't get answer. Ms. deLeon said she'd like an answer and please remind him when he comes back. Mrs. Gorman said we own the property. Ms. deLeon said so it's not leased, it ownership. That's good to know. Someone from the audience asked a question, and Mr. Banonis said this is Council reports. You can look in the past minutes. We've had several discussions about the Easton Road ballfields. You may have not been here, but you can look it up.

**Ms. deLeon**

- We got a letter from Upper Saucon regarding the library, is there an update on the library issue? Mr. Banonis said we got a letter and he thinks she read it. Ms. deLeon said she didn't read it. She's just saying on May 9<sup>th</sup> Upper Saucon Township sent, and we got a copy of the letter they sent to the Southern Lehigh Public Library Association, about the public meeting they had and was attended last Monday. Mr. Banonis said he wasn't there; he has no idea. Ms. deLeon said Mark you were there. Mr. Inglis said he was at the library meeting. Ms. deLeon said then there's no update on the library situation? Attorney Treadwell said are you asking him? Ms. deLeon said she's asking anybody that will answer her. Mr. Banonis said he did answer her and said he didn't know and he read the letter. Attorney Treadwell said he saw the letter from Upper Saucon. He doesn't know what happened at the Upper Saucon meeting, maybe you can update us on what happened. Ms. deLeon said it's in the letter. Mr. Banonis said were you there? Ms. deLeon said she was there. Mr. Banonis said then why are you asking us? Ms. deLeon said she's not talking about this particular letter, she's talking about...Mr. Banonis said you knew we weren't there and you are asking us what happened and you were there. Ms. deLeon said Jason you are confusing it. There are two issues here. There's this letter and then there's the library issue. There are two separate things. Mr. Banonis said keep campaigning, Priscilla. Ms. deLeon said she's just stating facts. If you don't understand that, she's sorry. That's all she has. She didn't hear you. Mr. Banonis said you were there, you answer the question. Ms. deLeon said she was talking about two things. Don't you get it?

**Mr. Carocci** - Absent

**B. SOLICITOR** – No report.

**C. ENGINEER** – No report.

**9. PUBLIC COMMENT - NON-AGENDA ITEMS – RESIDENTS/TAXPAYERS ONLY – 3-MINUTE TIME LIMIT**

- Laura Ray said she'll make a comment and she doesn't know if you guys can hear up there, but there's really a lot of weird static and noises coming through the speakers back here. It's awful. She's just wondering if we are still under warranty for this system they put in. Mr. Banonis said maybe that's the Hellertown hackers trying to get in to put up some crazy pictures. Ms. Ray said maybe it is, she doesn't know. She's just saying back here there's a lot of weird static over the system and for how much was paid for that, it shouldn't have that. Mr. Banonis said at least we're not looking at graphic images so he's happy with that, go ahead. Ms. deLeon said we don't know because we don't see them. Ms. Ray said the composting workshop that the EAC is sponsoring is on June 3<sup>rd</sup>. It's from 11 a.m. to noon. It's \$70.00 to register for it and the Township will reimburse residents for \$50.00 for that and you register on-line. You should be able to find the link somewhere in the Facebook feeds. She said the Easton Road ballfields, it would be good to know about whether we own the property or not, but even so, it's going to be in the middle of the district we rezoned so she doesn't know if it makes a lot of sense to invest a whole lot of money in the middle of what might be a warehouse zone or whatever it's going to become over there.
- David Boulin said he doesn't really have much to say. He's really pleased about the grant here for \$500,000.00. He thinks Council has done a wonderful job, everybody on the Council getting this kind of money. It's really, sort of speak, free money. He thinks the last grant we got cost us 1% to get the grant and it was like \$1,000 per hundred so congratulations on that. He's really pleased about the streets that were paved over in his area last year, not his particular one. Bottom line is they are back and they are following up on it so that the sides around the streets are all being done. Every

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time he drives down 378 he still thinks about the fact that it bounces and bumps and here our Council has paved the same amount of area in two weeks and dug up the road and did all of that. Congratulations, keep working on that. Interesting discussion about the cell tower. He finds it interesting who says they have concerns about it but they also remember they had concerns about holding your cell phone right up to your ear, obviously a lot lower power, also a lot less away and as everybody knows here if you are a physicist that it drops off as the square of the distance. Anyhow, good discussion on that. He was really impressed with the back and forth on the other issue of where the tower is and why it's there. He really had a question and did ask the gal going out why is it that the ZHB doesn't get it first because they are the quasi-legal entity as everybody here knows, they go by the rule of law. She said in PA, which he didn't know, we have to also do it by the Council, and he thinks that's a good idea that people get their say. He doesn't think it's a good idea that people pop up and give the Council their finger when they don't agree although he did find himself over here chuckling and he did get corrected for it, which is good. The other thing is he thinks if you are a member of the Council and you are directly involved in something, he's not sure you should be able to forward your own personal views, as if you were just a normal resident like he would be. So that's universal, whoever it is. Mr. Banonis said so you are suggesting that recusal in those circumstances. Mr. Boulin said of course. Yes, that's a direct conflict of interest. Why would you vote for something you already said you don't like? Anyhow, that's pretty much it, 17 seconds left.

- Victoria Kadeane Opthof-Cordaro said first she wants to reiterate the concern about the back feed. She had a very difficult time hearing the second application that was before you. She couldn't hear any of it and she understands there may be a situation that some speakers are on back order so she's hopeful that the Township can follow up on that and maybe there's a different vendor that has them as it's very, very distracting and difficult to hear. The second non-agenda item she wanted to comment on was the conditional use application that's currently pending before LST. They stayed that in waiting for what this Township Council would do, and you've decided not to appeal on an agenda item; however, she thinks it would be wise to direct the Conditional Use Hearing Officer to cease and desist the conditional use hearings as it would be a waste without the underlying zoning. So that's her second comment for this evening.
- Ginger Petrie said her conversation has to do with the landfill and she guesses the assumption that we are going to go back to square one and start it all over again. Here we are again, you must feel like a woman, having her cycles seeing us at least once a month. We feel like we are at the movies. First, the people sitting out here must feel we must be having an out of body experience. It can't be that we are fighting for all the things we are grateful to be alive for. When people are dead, they can't feel anything we are feeling. She personally is fighting for everyone that loves this land, plants, bugs, birds, animals, moss on the rocks, trees, and most important, air and water. She also stands before you to ask you to reflect on people that you knew in the past. People that already died that love this beautiful place like her Mr. Shimer who owned the farm before her. Those were the people that built these barns and houses with their hands. Show some care and respect for them and our God for the beauty around us. The feature movie we're in is Groundhog Day. Fighting your decision, we have put the time in out of our lives. We have had to be subjected to listening to the landfill spew, their crap about how wonderful they are for more than three months. Just like Groundhog Day we will hopefully have the blessing to wake up and do it all over again. All you have to do is wait until the end for Mr. McNair's summary and then blow it off your own agenda anyway, so we are paying the bill twice. Oh yea, just like the subdivision process. Since we are at the movies, she'll throw in a line from Robin Hood. A man fighting for his home is worth a hundred soldiers and a battle. We may not be in your seat of power but we are fighting for our lives. Well Council, we might have to listen to the landfill crap all over again, but we are ready to present facts and studies that should have been done with the Township or the landfill's money instead of paying a lawyer to oversee these hearings. You should be paying to know why more garbage is great for the Township, not us citizens paying to stop it and you. Finally, she switched to TV, do any of you watch Yellowstone? Well, they fight to preserve the magnificent beauty of their land. You don't have to go to Montana to see beautiful land, it's in her back field and all around you. She might not be rich like the Duttons, but she's just as tough. They are having filming problems and maybe we should invite them here and they could do a reality TV instead. Just to be clear, she will fight this expansion coming straight at her with every breath because it's only happening for one reason – greed. Money

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for the Township. You don't have to sacrifice a beautiful place for money, money is dirty, not beautiful. By the way, you can call her George if you want to, maybe George Dutton.

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION BY:** Mr. Banonis moved for adjournment. The time was 8:23 p.m.

**SECOND BY:** Mrs. Yerger

**ROLL CALL:** 4-0-1 (Absent – Mr. Carocci)

**11. UPCOMING MEETINGS**

- A. Zoning Hearing Board – May 22, 2023 – Cancelled
- B. Planning Commission – May 25, 2023
- C. Parks and Recreation Board – June 5, 2023
- D. Environmental Advisory Council – June 13, 2023
- E. Saucon Rail Trail Oversight Commission – June 26, 2023 at Upper Saucon Township
- F. Landfill Committee Meeting – July 20, 2023

Submitted by:

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Mark L. Hudson  
Township Manager

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Jason Banonis  
Council President

# LOWER SAUCON TOWNSHIP

## RESOLUTION #43-2023

### A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING MICAELA JEBITSCH FOR RECEIVING THE GIRL SCOUT GOLD AWARD

**WHEREAS**, Micaela Jebtisch has been a member of Girl Scout Troop #8429 for the past thirteen (13) years; and

**WHEREAS**, Micaela earned numerous badges and awards with the Girl Scouts including the Girl Scout Silver and Bronze Award; and served as GSEP Girl Delegate, Service Girl to the Scouting Bar, Community Service Bar, Take the Lead Presenter, Leader in Action, Girl Scout Program Aide, Take the Lead Campership Lead, Take the Lead Girl Co-Chair, and Take the Lead Social Media Lead; and

**WHEREAS**, Micaela has also excelled as a student at Saucon Valley High School; where she is in the top 10% of her graduating high school class; served as JV Tennis Captain, Debate Club Vice President, Yearbook Senior Editor, Mini-THON Event Chair/Coordinator, Stage Crew Manager, and a member of Scholastic Scrimmage and Model UN;

**WHEREAS**, Micaela will graduate from Saucon Valley High School in June and plans on attending Indiana University of Pennsylvania majoring in Mathematics/Actuarial Science with a minor in Physics; and plans to pursue a Master's Degree in Engineering with focus in the STEM field;

**WHEREAS**, Micaela found time to serve the community as a Conservation Ambassador; a participant in the Wildlife Leadership Academy; Northampton County Junior Conservation School; Heritage Patrol; Altar Server and PREP aide;

**WHEREAS**, Micaela is also the recipient of The Forest Conservation Award and the Dr. Frank Krakowski Memorial Scholarship; and

**WHEREAS**, for her Gold Award project, Micaela's goal was to give back to St. Theresa's Church, Hellertown, and the St. Theresa's Preschool Mural & STEM Programming with parish youth; to provide uplifting projects that will breathe new life into the parish that has been deeply affected by COVID; she created a fresh, colorful mural along the hallways; to educate the youth of the parish about the environmental aspect of STEM; and

**WHEREAS**, for her efforts Micaela will be presented the Girl Scout Gold Award, the highest honor in Girl Scouting on May 21, 2023.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Council of Lower Saucon Township, Jason Banonis, President; Mark Inglis, Vice President; Priscilla deLeon, Thomas Carocci, Sandra Yerger, Council Members; wishes to recognize and commend Micaela Jebitsch for receiving her Girl Scout Gold Award.

**ADOPTED** and **ENACTED** this 17<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2023.

Lower Saucon Township

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Jason Banonis  
Council President

Attest

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Mark L. Hudson  
Secretary

**LOWER SAUCON TOWNSHIP**  
Northampton County, Pennsylvania

**RESOLUTION #44-2023**

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**PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING JUNIOR COUNCIL MEMBER**

**RUDRA THAKKAR**

**WHEREAS**, the Lower Saucon Township Council appointed Rudra Thakkar to serve as the Junior Council member on the Lower Saucon Township Council; and

**WHEREAS**, Rudra participated in the meetings of the Council during the 2022/2023 school year and provided input from a student's point of view; and

**WHEREAS**, Rudra has done a great job and brought with him the eagerness of learning more about local government in his community.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Council of Lower Saucon Township, Jason Banonis, President; Mark Inglis, Vice President; Priscilla deLeon, Thomas Carocci, Sandra Yerger, Council Members; do hereby commend Rudra for his exemplary performance on behalf of Lower Saucon Township and the Saucon Valley School District.

Resolved this 17<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2023

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Jason Banonis  
Council President

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Mark L. Hudson  
Secretary

**LOWER SAUCON TOWNSHIP**  
Northampton County, Pennsylvania

**RESOLUTION #45-2023**

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**PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING JUNIOR COUNCIL MEMBER**

**NITYA THAKKAR**

**WHEREAS**, the Lower Saucon Township Council appointed Nitya Thakkar to serve as the Junior Council member on the Planning Commission; and

**WHEREAS**, Nitya participated in the meetings of the Planning Commission during the 2022/2023 school year and provided input from a student's point of view; and

**WHEREAS**, Nitya has done a great job and brought with her the eagerness of learning more about local government in her community.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Council of Lower Saucon Township, Jason Banonis, President; Mark Inglis, Vice President; Priscilla deLeon, Thomas Carocci, Sandra Yerger, Council Members; do hereby commend Nitya for her exemplary performance on behalf of Lower Saucon Township and the Saucon Valley School District.

Resolved this 17<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2023

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Jason Banonis  
Council President

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Mark L. Hudson  
Secretary



**LOWER SAUCON TOWNSHIP**  
**NORTHAMPTON COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**  
**RESOLUTION # 46-2023**

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A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPLICATION TO THE KEYSTONE COMMUNITIES PROGRAM  
THROUGH THE PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC  
DEVELOPMENT (DCED) FOR THE TOWN HALL PARK IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

**WHEREAS**, Lower Saucon Township, Northampton County, desires to undertake the Town Hall Park Improvement project; and

**WHEREAS**, Lower Saucon Township, Northampton County, recognizes that park redevelopment would be a community asset to the residents of Saucon Valley; and

**WHEREAS**, Lower Saucon Township, Northampton County, desires to apply to and requests funding from the DCED Keystone Communities Program for a grant for the purpose of completing this project; and

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT**, the Lower Saucon Township, Northampton County, Council hereby approves this project and authorizes application to the DCED Keystone Communities Program in the amount of \$64,030.00, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT**, if the application is granted, the Lower Saucon Township Council, Northampton County, authorizes Jason Banonis, President of Council and Mark Hudson, Township Manager to execute any and all agreements necessary to administer this grant.

**RESOLVED** this 17<sup>th</sup> day of May 2023.

Attest

Lower Saucon Township

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Mark L. Hudson  
Township Manager

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Jason Banonis  
Council President

**LOWER SAUCON TOWNSHIP**  
Northampton County, Pennsylvania

**RESOLUTION #47-2023**

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**RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF LOWER SAUCON TOWNSHIP  
AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A 2023 GROW NORCO GRANT FOR THE PURCHASE  
AND INSTALLATION OF TOT LOT AT TOWN HALL PARK**

**WHEREAS**, Lower Saucon Township provides seven parks, one preserve, and one trailhead for residents and non-residents to enjoy; and

**WHEREAS**, the Lower Saucon Township Town Hall Park complex has two play areas, basketball courts, one ballfield and a pavilion; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township received funding from a Pennsylvania Local Services Grant to improve the upper-level playground; and

**WHEREAS**, due to the age of the second playground (tot lot), replacement was recommended as the current equipment is over fifteen years old; and

**WHEREAS**, Township staff wishes to improve both playgrounds at the same time for cost efficiency; and

**WHEREAS**, Council desires to improve the municipal properties throughout the Township for residents of Saucon Valley; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Council of Lower Saucon Township, Northampton County, Pennsylvania hereby approves the submission of a 2023 GROW NORCO Grant Application to the Northampton County Community and Economic Development for the purchase of a Town Hall Park Tot Lot. The Township's commitment amount is not to exceed \$50,000.00 and the grant portion, if awarded in the amount of \$50,000.00; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Council of Lower Saucon Township does hereby designate Jason Banonis, Council President, and Mark Hudson, Township Manager, to execute all documents and agreements between Lower Saucon Township and the Commonwealth Financing Authority to facilitate and assist in obtaining the requested grant.

**APPROVED** and **ENACTED** this 17<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2023

Attest

Lower Saucon Township

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Mark L. Hudson  
Township Manager

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Jason Banonis  
Council President

I, Mark Hudson, duly qualified Secretary of the Lower Saucon Township Council, Northampton County, Pennsylvania, hereby certify that the forgoing is a true and correct copy of a Resolution duly adopted by a majority vote of the Council of Lower Saucon Township at a regularly scheduled meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> of May, 2023.

**IN WITNESS THEREOF**, I affix my hand and attach the seal of Lower Saucon Township, on this 17th day of May, 2023.

(SEAL)

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Mark L. Hudson  
Township Manager

**RESOLUTION #48-2023**

BE IT RESOLVED, by authority of the \_\_\_\_\_ Council  
of the Township of Lower Saucon , Northampton County,  
and it is hereby resolved by authority of the same, that the  
Council President of said Municipality,

**Authority to authorize the execution of the attached 2024-2026 Police  
Traffic Services (PTS) Enforcement Grant**

ATTEST \_\_\_\_\_ Lower Saucon Township

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature and designation  
of official title)

Mark L. Hudson, Secretary  
Print above name and title

(SEAL)

I, Mark L. Hudson , \_\_\_\_\_ Secretary

of the Council of Lower Saucon Township , do hereby certify that

the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Resolution adopted at  
a regular meeting of the Council of Lower Saucon Township ,

held the 17<sup>th</sup> day of May 2023.

DATE: May 17, 2023

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(Signature of official title)

Mark L. Hudson, Secretary