

ORDINANCE NO. 2-2016

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HANOVER AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF 127 REYNOLDS AVENUE LOCATED IN THE WHIPPANY SECTION OF THE TOWNSHIP AND DESIGNATED AS LOT 4 IN BLOCK 8401 AS SET FORTH ON THE TAX MAP OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HANOVER AND FURTHER APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$382,500.00 FROM VARIOUS SOURCES FOR THE PURCHASE OF THE PROPERTY

WHEREAS, the Township of Hanover seeks to expand Bee Meadow Park, an existing passive parkland and recreation facility, as part of the Township's Bee Meadow Greenway; and

WHEREAS, in this regard, the Township has the unique opportunity to purchase an adjoining property, known as the "Wolfe Property" located at 127 Reynolds Avenue and designated as Lot 4 in Block 8401 in adding to the Bee Meadow Park facility; and

WHEREAS, nestled between the former Sammarco property (Bee Meadow Greenway Phase I) and the Michalski property (Bee Meadow Greenway Phase II), the Wolfe property is 1.97 acres of flat, forested land that would be designated as the Bee Meadow Greenway Phase III; and

WHEREAS, this fee simple acquisition will be used for both active and resource-based passive recreation activities and may be used in connection with the Township's 2013 Pedestrian and Bicycle Connectivity Framework Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Township has conducted good faith negotiations with the owner of the property who is willing to enter into a Contract for Sale; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee believes that the acquisition of the property will achieve the goals and objectives of the Township's Open Space and Recreation Plan by supplementing the Township's Open Space Inventory with the

inclusion of another parcel that will provide passive and active recreational opportunities for its residents and the public in general.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Hanover in the County of Morris and State of New Jersey as follows:

Section 1. The governing body hereby authorizes the fee simple acquisition, either by gift or purchase, of Lot 4 in Block 8401 as set forth on the Tax Map of the Township of Hanover which tract consists of approximately 1.97 acres of land located at 127 Reynolds Avenue which property is owned by JoAnn Tutela.

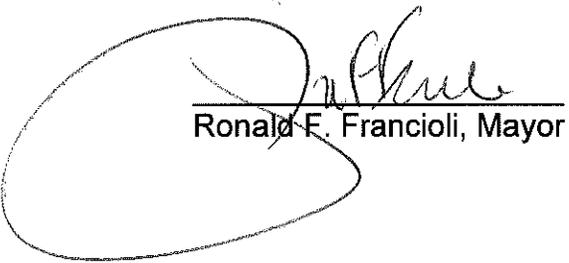
Section 2. The Township Attorney is authorized and directed to prepare the required Contract for Sale of Real Estate, the Deed and all related documents for the acquisition in fee simple of Lot 4 in Block 8401. In addition, the Mayor and Township Clerk are also authorized and directed to execute the Contract for Sale of Real Estate, the Deed and any other related documents necessary for the fee simple acquisition of the property described herein.

Section 3. For the acquisition described in Section 1. above, there is hereby appropriated the sum of \$382,500.00 from the following sources:

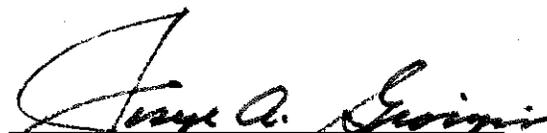
A. 2015 Morris County Open Space Trust Fund Grant.....	\$ 165,000.00
B. NJDEP Green Acres Program Planning Incentive Grant.....	135,000.00
C. Hanover Township's Open Space Trust Fund Account.....	<u>82,500.00</u>
TOTAL:	\$ 382,500.00

Section 4. This Ordinance shall effect in accordance with law.

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
TOWNSHIP OF HANOVER
COUNTY OF MORRIS
STATE OF NEW JERSEY


Ronald F. Francioli, Mayor

ATTEST:


Joseph A. Giorgio, Township Clerk

DATE OF INTRODUCTION: January 14, 2016

DATE OF ADOPTION: January 28, 2016