TOWNSHIP OF HAMILTON COUNTY OF MERCER, NEW JERSEY

ORDINANCE

No. **24-029**

1ST READING	July 16, 2024	DATE TO MAYOR	August 21, 2024
2ND READING & PUBLIC HEA	ARING <u>August 20, 2024</u>	DATE RESUBMITTED TO	COUNCIL
WITHDRAWN	LOST	Date Effective Sep	tember 15,202 4
APPROVED AS TO FORM AND	LEGALITY	ACTUAL CON	TENTS CERTIFIED TO BY
TOWNSHIP ATTORNEY		Dally	TITLE

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP OF HAMILTON TO ACCEPT A GIFT FROM WHERE ANGELS PLAY FOUNDATION FOR THE DONATION OF MATERIALS AND LABOR TO ENHANCE THE APOLLO PARK PLAYGROUND AREA

Whereas Where Angels Play Foundation ("WAPF") is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization whose mission is to create joyful places to play and to provide hope, recovery, and a return to family values in the wake of senseless violence and tragedy; and

Whereas WAPF has built playgrounds all over the country in honor of the families, children, teachers and firefighters who suffered tragedy as a result of Hurricanes Sandy and Katrina, as well as the mass shooting at the Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Connecticut; and

Whereas WAPF has expressed interest in facilitating several improvements to the playground area in Apollo Park, located on Apollo Drive between Yardville-Hamilton Square Road and Argonne Avenue in the Township of Hamilton ("Township"); and

Whereas WAPF has generously offered to provide certain materials and labor to enhance the Apollo Park playground area, at no cost to the Township; and

Whereas the estimated start date for this project is September of 2024, with a budget of \$100,000.00; and

Whereas the Township wishes to accept the generous gifts from WAPF, and to memorialize its donation of materials and labor to enhance the playground area located within Apollo Park; and

Whereas N.J.S.A. 40A:12-29 states in relevant part that any municipality may accept donations, by gift, bequest, or devise, of real property, funds, personal property, in-kind items, or services by private persons to the soliciting governmental entity, for the purpose of the maintenance of public parks, and that any solicitation for a donation of \$7,500 or more in value shall be made a matter of public record by the municipality by adoption of an ordinance authorizing the solicitation; and

Whereas the authorization of the aforementioned acceptance of this donation is in the best interest of the citizens of the Township;

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Now, Therefore, Be It Ordained by the Council of the Township of Hamilton in the County of Mercer and State of New Jersey, that the proper officials of the Township of Hamilton be and hereby are authorized to accept the donation from Where Angels Play Foundation, and memorialize its donation of materials and labor to enhance the playground area located within Apollo Park.

MUNICIPAL CLERK

RECORD OF VOTE													
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Anthony P. Carabelli, Jr.							ANTHONY P. CARABELLI, JR.	/					
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