

**TOWNSHIP OF HAMILTON  
COUNTY OF MERCER, NEW JERSEY**

**ORDINANCE**

No. **24-029**

1ST READING	<u>July 16, 2024</u>	DATE TO MAYOR	<u>August 21, 2024</u>
2ND READING & PUBLIC HEARING	<u>August 20, 2024</u>	DATE RESUBMITTED TO COUNCIL	_____
WITHDRAWN _____	LOST _____	DATE EFFECTIVE	_____

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY

ACTUAL CONTENTS CERTIFIED TO BY

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TOWNSHIP ATTORNEY

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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.

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PRESIDENT

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MUNICIPAL CLERK

**RECORD OF VOTE**

First Reading							Second Reading						
COUNCIL	AYE	NAY	NV	AB	ORD	SEC	COUNCIL	AYE	NAY	NV	AB	ORD	SEC
PASQUALE "PAT" PAPERIO, JR.	✓				✓		PASQUALE "PAT" PAPERIO, JR.						
NANCY PHILLIPS	✓						NANCY PHILLIPS						
CHARLES F. WHALEN	✓						CHARLES F. WHALEN						
RICHARD L. TIGHE, JR.	✓					✓	RICHARD L. TIGHE, JR.						
ANTHONY P. CARABELLI, JR.	✓						ANTHONY P. CARABELLI, JR.						

X - Indicates Vote    A.B. - Absent    N.V. - Not Voting    ORD. - Moved    SEC. - Seconded

REJECTED \_\_\_\_\_

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JEFFREY S. MARTIN, MAYOR

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DATE

APPROVED \_\_\_\_\_

RECONSIDERED BY COUNCIL \_\_\_\_\_

OVERRIDE VOTE

AYE \_\_\_\_\_

NAY \_\_\_\_\_