LOWER GWYNEDD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING Wednesday, February 22, 2023, 7:00 p.m.

To join the meeting via Zoom: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83279435410?pwd=NmZ5ZHNPKzdKN3dtcGdkcER5dzN4UT09 Call #: 1-646-876-9923 Meeting ID: 832 7943 5410 Passcode: 964764



CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS

- The Board of Supervisors met in executive session prior to tonight's meeting to discuss matters of real estate, personnel and litigation.
- The Township will be closed on Monday, February 20, 2023 for President's Day.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Citizen comments, concerns, questions for items not on the agenda (Comments on agenda items will be taken when those items are discussed by the Board)

GENERAL BUSINESS

- 1. Approval of trail easement from Gwynedd Mercy University
- 2. Resolution 2023-7 Authorization to submit MontCo 2040 grant for Gwynedd Mercy University
- 3. Approval of 3-year commitment for health insurance
- 4. Approval of minutes February 8, 2023 (KH abstains)

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Updates on Township Commissions and Board Subcommittees from Supervisor Liaisons

STAFF UPDATES

Updates from staff on Township activities and projects - Northern Montgomery County Recycling Commission update

SUPERVISORS COMMENTS

Comments or questions from the Board of Supervisors

UPCOMING MEETING DATES*

PARKS AND RECREATION	WED	03/21/2023	6:00 P.M.
PLANNING COMMISSION	WED	03/15/2023	7:00 P.M.
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS	WED	03/08/2023	7:00 P.M.
ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL	TUES	03/07/2023	7:00 P.M.
ZONING HEARING BOARD	THURS	03/09/2023	6:00 P.M.
HISTORIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE	THURS	03/16/2023	6:00 P.M.
HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION	THURS	03/02/2023	7:00 P.M.

*Please check the Township website to confirm meeting dates and times.



MEMORANDUM

ATTN: **Board of Supervisors**

DATE: Friday, February 17, 2023

Jamie P. Worman, Assistant Township Manager FROM:

GMU-Montco 20/40 Grant Submission/Access Easement SUBJ:

Listed the on the BOS agenda for February 22, 2023 is Resolution #2023-08 authorizing the submission of a grant application on behalf of Gwynedd Mercy University (GMU). The proposed project for the Montco 2040 grant is an extension of the Lower Gwynedd Township trail system from Sumenytown Pike to the GMU stadium area. This project will further enhance the existing trail system throughout the University campus and provide a missing link in the Township's trail network. This project is part of a larger 2017 Land Development consisting of the installation of a stormwater management system. The Township is acting as the applicant on behalf of GMU with the contingency that public access to the campus trail system be memorialized through a formal access easement agreement. GMU has provided an access easement agreement that is currently under review by the Township Solicitor. In order to meet the March 1st grant submission deadline, the recommended action is that BOS approve Resolution #2023-08 conditioned upon the Solicitor's review and approval of the access easement agreement provided by GMU.

LOWER GWYNEDD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

RESOLUTION NO. 2023–08

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE 2023 ROUND OF THE MONTCO 2040 IMPLEMENTATION GRANT PROGRAM

Whereas, Montgomery County has established the Montco 2040 Implementation Grant Program as a competitive funding program to assist municipalities in implementing the goals of the county comprehensive plan, *Montco 2040: A Shared Vision;* and

Whereas, the County is accepting applications for projects that advance specific goals under either of the county comprehensive plan's three themes: Connecting Communities, Sustainable Places, and a Vibrant Economy; and

Whereas, applications and projects must meet all stated requirements within the Montco 2040 Implementation Grant Program Guidebook; and

Whereas, Lower Gwynedd Township agrees to submit a grant application on behalf of Gwynedd Mercy University who wishes to obtain \$200,000.00 from the Montco 2040 Implementation Grant Program to provide funding to extend the Lower Gwynedd Township trail system from Sumneytown Pike to the Gwynedd Mercy University Stadium area to further enhance the existing trail system throughout the University campus and provide a missing link in the Township's trail network; and

Whereas, Gwynedd Mercy University intends on providing the required 20% match to complete the proposed project which is part of a larger 2017 Land Development Project consisting of the installation of a stormwater management system. The pedestrian improvement project is consistent with the goals outlined in the Montco 2040 Comprehensive Plan and the Lower Gwynedd Township Comprehensive Plan and Connections Plan.

Now therefore be it resolved that the Board of Supervisors of Lower Gwynedd Township authorizes the submission of a grant application for the 2023 round of the Montco 2040 Implementation Grant Program on behalf of Gwynedd Mercy University contingent upon an executed public access agreement between Lower Gwynedd Township and Gwynedd Mercy University.

Resolved this 22nd day of February 2023.

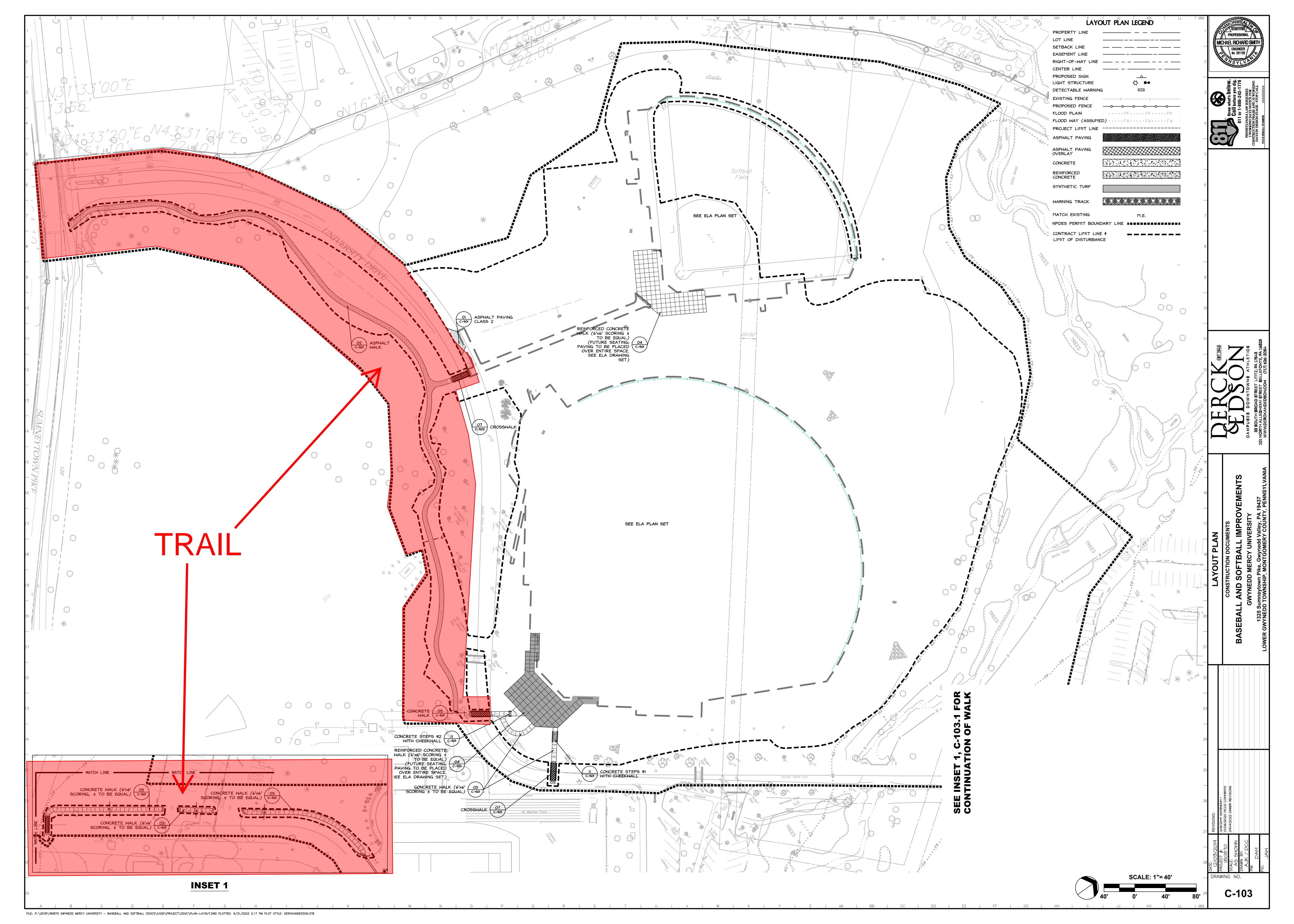
Lower Gwynedd Township

Ву:_____

Danielle A. Duckett, Chair

Attest: _____

Mimi Gleason, Secretary



Memo

То:	Board of Supervisors
From:	Mimi Gleason, Interim Township Manager
Date:	February 17, 2023
Re:	Three-year commitment for health insurance

Recommended action: Approve the Addendum to the DVHT Trust Agreement committing to participate in the Delaware Valley Health Trust until December 31, 2025

As part of the transition from the PPO insurance plan to a high deductible health plan (HDHP) for non-uniformed staff, the Delaware Valley Health Trust (DVHT) required a two-year commitment from the Township to offset the time they are spending setting everyone up in the new plan and with health savings accounts. The new HDHP will go into effect on April 1, 2023, which would equate to a commitment through March 31, 2025. However, DVHT is seeking a commitment through December 31, 2025 – almost 3 years – because the Township cannot withdraw from coverage mid-year.

Staff sought a rate cap in return for the commitment. DVHT responded with a 7.5% cap for 2024 only. The 2023 rate is set and was included in the 2023 budget.

ADDENDUM TO THE DELAWARE VALLEY HEALTH TRUST AGREEMENT

WHEREAS, Lower Gwynedd Township (the "Township") requested that the Delaware Valley Health Trust ("Health Trust") provide alternative health plan design options to evaluate replacement of the Township's current Non-Uniform PPO \$15/\$30, RX \$5/\$20/\$35 health plan (the "Current Plan"); and

WHEREAS, the Health Trust provided the Township with several alternative health plans, including a PPO HSA \$2,000/\$4,000, RX \$5/\$20/\$35 with the Township funding 100% of the deductible (the "Subsequent Plan"), which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A"; and

WHEREAS, the Township has evaluated and decided to move forward with implementing the Subsequent Plan, which shall have an effective date of April 1, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the Township understands and agrees that migrating from the Current Plan to the Subsequent Plan requires it, as a matter of underwriting necessity, to remain a Participant in the Health Trust through at least December 31, 2025; and

NOW, THEREFORE, the Township hereby agrees to participate in the Health Trust until at least December 31, 2025. The parties therefore agree to amend the Delaware Valley Health Trust Agreement as set forth in this Addendum, with all other terms and conditions of the Trust Agreement remaining in full force and effect.

AGREED:

For the Delaware Valley Health Trust

For Lower Gwynedd Township

BY:

BY:

Eileen M. Bradley Chair Board of Trustees

Danielle A. Duckett Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

Dated: _____

EXHIBIT "A" TO THE ADDENDUM TO THE DELAWARE VALLEY HEALTH TRUST AGREEMENT



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Benefits	In Network	Out of Network	In Network	Out of Network
Deductible	N/A	\$500 single / \$1,000 family	\$2,000 single / \$4,000 family	\$4,000 single / \$8,000 family
Out of Pocket Maximum	\$3,000 single / \$6,000 family	\$3,000 single / \$6,000 family	\$7,000 single / \$14,000 family	\$10,000 single / \$20,000 family
Primary Care Physician Office Visit	\$15 copay	70%, after deductible	\$15 copay, after deductible	70%, after deductible
Primary Care Services at Delaware Valley Health Trust Center	100%, no copay	n/a	\$30 copay***	n/a
Specialist Office Visit	\$30 copay	70%, after deductible	\$30 copay, after deductible	70%, after deductible
Preventive Care*	100%, no copay	70%, no deductible	100%, no copay, no deductible	70%, no deductible
Routine GYN Exam/PAP*	100%, no copay	70%, No deductible	100%, no copay, no deductible	70%, no deductible
Pediatric Immunizations*	100%, no copay	70%, No deductible	100%, no copay, no deductible	70%, no deductible
Mammography*	100%, no copay	70%, No deductible	100%, no copay, no deductible	70%, no deductible
Hospitalization	Inpatient hospitalization \$100 copay/day, maximum of 5 copays per admission.	70%, after deductible	100%, after deductible	70%, after deductible
Maternity	\$30 copay, initial visit only. Inpatient hospitalization copay applies.	70%, after deductible	\$30 copay, after deductible, first visit only. Inpatient hospitalization 100%, after deductible.	70%, after deductible
Ambulance	100%, no copay	Emergency 100%, no deductible. Non-emergency 70%, after deductible.	100%, after deductible	Emergency 100%, after deductible, Non- emergency 70%, after deductible
Emergency Room	\$100 copay, no deductible, waived if admitted**		\$300 copay, after deductible. Copay waived if admitted**	
Urgent Care Facility	\$30 copay, no deductible		\$30 copay, after deductible	\$30 \$60 copay, after deductible
Walk-in Clinic	\$15 copay. Except 100%, no copay at CVS MinuteClinic	70%, after deductible	\$15 copay, after deductible	70%, after deductible
Outpatient Surgery	100%, no copay	70%, after deductible	100%, after deductible	70%, after deductible
Outpatient Routine Radiology/Diagnostic Lab	\$30 copay	70%, after deductible	\$30 copay, after deductible	70%, after deductible
Complex Imaging (MRI/MRA, CT/CTA Scan, PET Scan)	100%, no copay	70%, after deductible	100%, after deductible	70%, after deductible
Physical/Occupational/Speech Therapy	\$30 copay, up to 60 visits, combined for all therapies per calendar year	70%, after deductible. Visits limit combined in and out of network	\$30 copay, after deductible, up to 60 visits per calendar year. Visits limit combined for all therapies, in and out of network	70%, after deductible. Visits limit combined in and out of network
Chiropractic Care	\$30 copay	70%, after deductible	\$30 copay, after deductible	70%, after deductible
Home Health Care	100%, no copay, up to 120 visits per calendar year, visits combined in and out of network.	70%, after deductible. Visits limit combined in and out of network	100%, after deductible, up to 120 visits per calendar year, visits combined in and out of network.	70%, after deductible, visits combined in and ou of network

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Benefits	In Network	Out of Network	In Network	Out of Network
Hospice Care	100%, no copay	70%, after deductible	100%, after deductible	70%, after deductible
Skilled Nursing Facility	100%, no copay, up to 120 days per calendar year, visits combined in and out of network	70%, after deductible. Days limit combined in and out of network	100%, after deductible, up to 120 days per calendar year, visits combined in and out of network	70%, after deductible, visits combined in and o of network
Mental Health Services	Inpatient hospitalization copay applies. Outpatient \$30 copay.	70%, after deductible	Inpatient 100%, after deductible. Outpatient \$30 copay, after deductible.	70%, after deductible
Substance Abuse Treatment	Inpatient hospitalization copay applies. Outpatient \$30 copay.	70%, after deductible	Inpatient 100%, after deductible. Outpatient \$30 copay, after deductible.	70%, after deductible
Durable Medical Equipment	100%, no copay	70%, after deductible	100%, after deductible	70%, after deductible
Vision Exam	\$30 copay, once every 2 calendar years	70%, after deductible, once every 2 calendar years	\$30 copay. Once every two calendar years	70%, after deductible. Once every two calendar years
Eyewear Reimbursement Allowance	Up to \$150 every two calendar years		Up to \$150 every two calendar years	
Prescription Drug Retail	\$0 select generics ar DVHT Health Center. \$5 generic/\$20 brand/\$35 non- formulary up to a 30 day supply. 2 X copay for 90 day supply at retail CVS.	70% of recognized charges, after applicable copay	\$3 copay - select generics at Delaware Valley Health Trust Center***. \$5 generic/\$20 brand/\$35 non-formulary, after deductible, up to a 30 day supply	70% of recognized charges, after deductible, after applicable copay
Prescription Drug Mail Order	\$10 generic/\$40 brand/\$70 non- formulary, up to a 90 day supply	Not covered	\$10 generic/\$40 brand/\$70 non- formulary, after deductible, up to a 90 day supply	Not covered
Specialty	Retail copay based on tier (generic/brand/non- formulary brand)	Not covered	Retail copay based on tier (generic/brand/non- formulary brand)	Not covered

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""Copays apply to the Health Center visits until the deductible is met, after which the copay reverts to \$0.

Current: Non-Uniform PPO \$15/\$30 Rx \$5/\$20/\$35		Proposed Option: PPO HSA \$2,000/\$4,000 RX \$5/\$20/\$35 - 100% Funding		
Enrollment	Tier	Monthly Rate	Tier	Monthly Rate
2	Single	\$1,164.21	Single	\$943.01
6	Couple	\$2,679.31	Couple	\$2,170.24
2	Parent/Child	\$1,779.11	Parent/Child	\$1,441.08
0	Parent/Children	\$2,575.33	Parent/Children	\$2,086.02
8	Family	\$3,450,05	Family	\$2,794.54

otal Annual Premium	\$594,754.80	Total Annual Premium	\$481,751.39
		Total Annual Gross Savings (\$)	-\$113,003.41
		Total Annual Gross Savings (%)	-19.00%
		Deductible Funding (100%)	\$68,000.00
		Total Net Cost	\$549,751.39
		Total Annual Net Savings (\$)	-\$45,003.41
		Total Annual Net Savings (%)	-7.57%

*Enrollment based on August 2022 invoice

Effective through 12/31/2023

Deductible resets January 1

Plan design subject to review by Aetna's Standards Management Unit

10% Employer Deductible Funding will require 2 year participation commitment DVHT reserves the right to adjust rates if: a) a change in overall enrollment occurs, b) enrollment distribution by coverage tier changes, c) employer reimburses employees for copayments and/or deductibles. Rates assume a minimum of 75% of employees enrolled in HSA/HDHP plan, enrollment less than 75% may result in a rate adjustment. If all Township employees move to HSA or HRA, the rates would be blended into a single set of rates.

Proposal assumes HDHP w/ HSA offered a dual choice with current plan. Minimum enrollment in HSA plan: 10 lives.

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Mimi Gleason

LOWER GWYNEDD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REGULAR MEETING WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2023

SUPERVISORS:

Danielle A. Duckett, Chairman Michael Twersky, Vice Chair Janine Martin Kathleen Hunsicker - Absent Tessie McNeely

STAFF:

Mimi Gleason, Interim Township Manager Jamie Worman, Assistant Township Manager Michelle Farzetta, Assistant Secretary Neil Stein, Esq., Solicitor James Hersh, Gilmore Associates Township Engineer Chad Dixson, McMahon Traffic Engineer Fred Zollers, Director Public Works Paul Kenny, Police Chief

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

The Chair called the hybrid meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. at the Lower Gwynedd Township Building and virtually on Zoom and led those in attendance in the pledge of allegiance.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS

The Board of Supervisors met in executive session prior to tonight's meeting to discuss matters of personnel, litigation and real estate.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Dale Moss, 508 Hobby Horse, came with concerns of the traffic and speed on Gypsy Hill Road. He understands that law enforcement is not permitted to use radar to track speed, but the issue needs to be addressed in some other way. The road is not safe for pedestrians to walk on. Mr. Moss suggested better signage, specifically at the S-curve and the bridge notifying drivers of the 15mph speed limit. He also suggested lowering the speed limit and painting stripes on the road at the one lane bridge. Mr. Dixson stated that he could collect data along with the police. There are traffic calming measures we can take, but we would need to go through PennDot's permitting process and Lower Gwynedd Township would need to maintain and pay for those measures taken. Mr. Dixson stated that there are funding programs that PennDOT offers that help to pay for improvements like this, however, funds are limited. He has already submitted requests for other locations in the township. Ms. Duckett mentioned that the road signs apply to the drivers, not pedestrians. PennDOT intends for pedestrians to use trails and sidewalks. Ms. McNeely mentioned that there are similar issues on School House Road, particularly for kids walking to the bus stop.

BUILDING AND ZONING

Resolution 2023-6 Preliminary/final subdivision approval of lot line change at 541 Station Lane

Jessica and Joseph Ward of 541 Station Lane are seeking approval for a lot line adjustment between two parcels located on Plymouth Road in the A-Residential Zoning District. The proposed plan is to convey 0.17 acres from lot #1 to lot#2 owned by the Wards. No construction is proposed. The project was recommended for approval by the Planning Commission on January 18th, 2023. Ms. Duckett made a motion, seconded by Mr. Twersky to approve Resolution 2023-6 granting preliminary/final approval to the 541 Station Lane Lot Line Adjustment Plan. Motion passed 4-0.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Transportation Improvements - recap of latest plans

- a. Spring House Intersection Stephanie Butler, from McMahon presented a slideshow to review the road widening project at the Spring House intersection. Ms. Butler reviewed and explained the timeline for the project, vegetation removal, stormwater control, movement of utility lines and addressed traffic concerns of the BOS. The work on both Norristown Road and on Sumneytown Pike can be completed concurrently if traffic can be controlled. Construction will typically occur between the hours of 9-3 with a staging area to be determined. Once the bid is awarded that will be decided.
- b. McKean Road pedestrian improvements Mr. Dixson reviewed the plans for the pedestrian crossings at the entrance of the YMCA and the entrance of Spring House Farms. He clarified that the improvements at Spring House Farms would include a painted crosswalk, a spur, warning signs "Pedestrian Ahead", ADA ramps and a radar speed display sign. At the YMCA Entrance the existing crosswalk will be removed. In its place there will be a painted crosswalk, ADA ramps, a refuge island, two pedestal mounted flashers and an overhead flasher. The flasher will be activated by a pedestrian when crossing and then turn off. They are waiting on one easement to be executed and then the work can begin. The contractor is ready to go and can complete the work in a 5-week time span once the easement is completed.
- c. McKean Road study Mr. Dixson stated that they are working on a study that will address issues related to traffic speeds, lanes approaching Norristown Road and access to the SHIP, YMCA and J&J driveways. The lanes will need to be lengthened to accommodate traffic at Norristown Road. This study is a focus on McKean Road only. This study will include planning level costs estimates, pedestrian crossings and connections and traffic calming. It will take roughly 4-6 weeks for the analysis to be completed, at which time, the information will be reviewed by staff and then presented to the BOS for review. This project will be funded by contributions from SHIP, J&J and the township.

Discussion about special events process and notifications

Ms. Gleason stated that after the last BOS meeting, staff discussed the special events process. It was agreed that having an ordinance for larger events was too much. Staff would like to develop a process for such events. Staff will do a procedural review and then have it reviewed by the BOS. The BOS felt this was a good idea. Ms. Duckett asked that the Parks and Recreation Board be made aware and to thank them for the time they have put into reviewing the ordinance.

Authorization to advertise bid for annual paving program

The road program will consist of two contracts one for Mill/Overlay and the second for Ultra-Thin Bonded Wearing Course. The bids will go out by the end of February and the bid opening for the 2023 Road Program

Board of Supervisors Minutes February 8, 2023 will be held on March 30, 2023. Consideration for awarding the bid will go in front of the BOS at the first meeting in April. Ms. Duckett made a motion, seconded by Ms. McNeely to advertise the paving program. Motion passed 4-0.

Authorization to advertise bid for paving the parking lot at Pen-Ambler Park

Gilmore is seeking authorization to advertise the bid for reconstruction of the existing parking lot with the PA DEP approved capping plan. Additional improvements include re-grading, asphalt trail repairs and new parking lot line striping. The bids will go out at the end of February and the bid opening will be at the end of March. Gilmore will seek BOS approval at an April meeting. Ms. Duckett made a motion, seconded by Ms. McNeely to authorize the advertisement for bids. Motion passed 4-0.

Approval of minutes – January 25, 2023

The Board of Supervisors received the minutes from the January 25, 2023 meeting. There were no questions or comments. Ms. Duckett made a motion, seconded Ms. McNeely to approve the minutes. Motion passed 3-0. (Ms. Martin abstained, as she was not present for that meeting).

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Human Relations Commission (HRC) – Ms. Martin stated that the HRC is working on completing a complaint form for the website, as well as a paper copy for the public. Members are actively attending events in the area and are reaching out to companies in the area to partner with.

Parks and Recreation – Ms. Martin stated that the committee is actively working on the strategic plan. They will be meeting with Gilmore and holding public forums in the near future.

EAC- Mr. Twersky stated that the EAC worked on scheduling various events. They also discussed both the flag lot and tree cutting ordinances.

STAFF UPDATES

Chief Kenny stated that Bethlehem Baptist Church along with the Synagogue have held some gatherings related to the Tyre Nichols tragedy. The Wissahickon Faith Alliance have been meeting at Starbucks and the events have been well attended.

Ms. Worman stated that the comp plan steering committee met. The County Planners walked away with a lot of information. Beacon properties was discussed and the representatives provided good input.

SUPERVISORS COMMENTS

There were no comments from the supervisors other than Go Birds!

Adjournment

Ms. Duckett made a motion at 8:24 p.m. to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Twersky. Motion passed 4-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michelle Farzetta

Board of Supervisors Minutes February 8, 2023 Administrative Assistant