

**LOWER GWYNEDD TOWNSHIP
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
ORDINANCE NO. 544**

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LOWER GWYNEDD TOWNSHIP, BY AMENDING CHAPTER 282, ENTITLED "HISTORICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE," WITHIN TITLE EIGHT, AUTHORITIES, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

WHEREAS, on July 26, 2022, the Board of Supervisors of Lower Gwynedd Township (the "**Board**") adopted Ordinance #532, establishing the Lower Gwynedd Township Historical Advisory Committee ("**Committee**") in accordance with the Lower Gwynedd Township Code (the "**Code**") and the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to amend the purpose, structure, and operation of the Committee.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED by the Board of Supervisors of Lower Gwynedd Township, and it is hereby ordained and enacted by the authority of the same, to wit:

SECTION ONE. The Lower Gwynedd Township Code, Title Eight: Authorities, Boards and Commissions, shall be amended by revising Chapter 282, entitled "Historical Advisory Committee," as follows:

SECTION TWO.

- (A) Section 282.01 of the Code is hereby deleted and replaced with the following:

"The Lower Gwynedd Township Historical Advisory Committee (hereinafter "Committee") is hereby created as an ad hoc committee, having only those powers, and following only those procedures, as may be established by the Board of Supervisors. The Committee shall continue in existence until such time as this chapter is amended or revoked."

- (B) Section 282.02 of the Code is hereby deleted, and is replaced with the following:

"On an ad hoc basis, the Board of Supervisors may request advice and guidance from the Committee on historical matters and issues, including public outreach and educational activities, as opportunities present themselves. There is no set number of Committee meetings required. The Committee shall be advisory only and, as such, shall perform no administrative duties and shall have no authority or responsibility to seek findings of fact, express opinions or make recommendations in any specific area of responsibility."

- (C) Section 282.02 of the Code is hereby deleted in its entirety.
- (D) Section 282.03 of the Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

§282.03. **Members.**

(a) The Board of Supervisors, by majority vote, shall nominate, appoint, and reappoint one or more persons to be members of the Committee.

(b) There shall be no minimum or maximum number of Committee members. The Committee shall meet as deemed appropriate.

(c) Any member may be removed from the Committee at any time by a majority vote of the Board of Supervisors.

(d) The Board of Supervisors shall appoint the chair of the Committee and may appoint any other officer of the Committee.

(e) The Committee shall not be authorized to engage in deliberation, take official action, or otherwise conduct agency business, and therefore, meetings will not be subject to the Pennsylvania Open Meetings Law, 65 Pa.C.S. §701 et seq.

- (D) Sections 282.04, 282.05, and 282.06 of the Code are hereby deleted in their entirety.

SECTION TWO. Nothing in this Ordinance or in the Code, as hereby amended, shall be construed to affect any suit or proceedings in any court, any rights acquired or liability incurred, any permit issued, or any cause of causes of action existing prior to the adoption of this Ordinance.

SECTION THREE. The provisions of this Ordinance are severable, and if any section, sentence, clause, part, or provision thereof shall be held illegal, invalid, or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision of the court shall not affect or impair the remaining sections, sentences, clauses, parts, or provisions of this Ordinance. The intent of the Board is that this Ordinance would have been adopted if such illegal, invalid, or unconstitutional section, sentence, clause, part, or provision had not been included herein.

SECTION FOUR. This Ordinance shall take affect and be in force from and after its approval as required by law.

DULY ENACTED BY THE LOWER GWYNEDD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS this 12th day of March, 2024.

ATTEST:



MIMI GLEASON, SECRETARY

**LOWER GWYNEDD TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

By: 

DANIELLE A. DUCKETT, CHAIRPERSON