

**DELAWARE TOWNSHIP**  
**ORDINANCE #2017-10**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF DELAWARE AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION BY GIFT OF PROPERTY IDENTIFIED AS BLOCK 30, LOT 18, SOMETIMES REFERRED TO AS THE WESCOTT HOUSE, LOCATED ON 82 RAVEN ROCK ROAD, DELAWARE TOWNSHIP**

**BE IT ORDAINED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Delaware in Hunterdon County as follows:

**Section 1. Findings.** The Township Committee hereby makes the following findings:

A. The County of Hunterdon is the owner (the “**County**”) of certain real property known as Block 30 Lot 18 (Delaware Township Tax Maps, rev. 2017), sometimes referred to as the Wescott House, located on 82 Raven Rock Road and comprising an old schoolhouse situated on 3.29 +/- acres (the “**Property**”).

B. In order to preserve and protect the Property, and for a consideration of one dollar (\$1.00), the County wishes to convey the Property to the Township of Delaware (the “**Township**”) for recreation and conservation purposes, subject to compliance with regulations promulgated by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Division of Green Acres, specifically N.J.A.C. 7:36-25.5, pertaining to the administrative transfer of unfunded parkland.

C. It is in the interests of the health and welfare of the Township’s residents to acquire the Property and accept the conveyance thereof by the County for recreation and conservation purposes.

**Section 2. Acquisition of Property Authorized.** In accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:12-5, the acquisition of the Property for recreation and conservation purposes for the aforesaid nominal consideration from the County is hereby authorized. The Mayor, Clerk, Township Attorney and other appropriate staff are authorized to close title on the Property and, in connection therewith, execute such documents including, but not limited to, agreements, affidavits of title, and closing statements as may be reasonably necessary for the acquisition of the Property.

**Section 3. Repealer.** All ordinances and resolutions or parts thereof inconsistent with this ordinance are repealed.

**Section 4. Severability.** If any section, paragraph, subsection, clause or provision of this ordinance shall be adjudged by the courts to be invalid, such adjudication shall apply only to the section, paragraph, subsection, clause or provision so adjudged and the remainder of this ordinance shall be valid and enforceable.

**Section 5. Effective Date.** This ordinance shall take effect upon final adoption and publication in accordance with law.

ATTEST:

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Charles Herman, Mayor

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Jodi McKinney  
Acting Township Clerk  
May 8, 2017

(a) PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Delaware Township Committee approved the above ordinance on first reading at its regular meeting held on May 8, 2017. It will be considered on second reading for final adoption and will have a public hearing at a regular meeting beginning at 7:30 p.m. on May 30, 2017 at the Delaware Township Hall, 570 Rosemont Ringoes Rd. (Rt. 604), Sergeantsville, NJ. At that time an opportunity will be given for all interested citizens to be heard.