

## RESOLUTION NO. 2023-60

### Powell Farm Ad-Hoc Advisory Committee (Ad-Hoc PFAC)

#### A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CRANBERRY, COUNTY OF BUTLER, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, ESTABLISHING A POWELL FARM AD-HOC ADVISORY COMMITTEE (PFAC) FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEVELOPING A PLAN AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE UTILIZATION OF THE DENTON POWELL FARM PROPERTY

**WHEREAS**, Cranberry Township acquired the 71-acre Denton Powell Farm property in 2023 to honor its agricultural history, preserve its agricultural heritage, and establish a public amenity for generations of residents to enjoy; and,

**WHEREAS**, Andy Hack, a lifelong friend and the executor of Mr. Powell's estate implemented the wishes of Mr. Powell to ensure the farm was maintained in perpetuity, conveying the property to the Township for this purpose; and,

**WHEREAS**, Cranberry Township recognizes the significance of the Denton Powell Farm as an important farm/agricultural property and asset to the community; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township is committed to honoring the preservation status of the Powell Farm while finding the appropriate way to share the rich history of a rural lifestyle and farming in Cranberry Township and Butler County; and,

**WHEREAS**, in honoring the preservation status of the Farm the Township aims to create a living active monument that highlights the significance of farming and rural lifestyles through education, programming, and other offerings at the Powell Farm; and,

**WHEREAS**, It is the intent of the Township, as stewards of the Powell Farm, to find a balance between its active farming activities, and other activities focused on highlighting the importance of farming and agriculture in today's society; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Township intends to engage in a planning process to establish a path forward that respects the Powell Farm preservation status while providing educational opportunities, programs, and offerings accessible to the public, as well as ensures its long-term fiscal and operational sustainability; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Township will achieve these goals through collaboration with partners and stakeholders, recognizing the importance of community involvement and expertise in guiding this endeavor; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Township Board of Supervisors intends to establish a Powell Farm Ad-Hoc Advisory Committee (PFAC) to develop a plan and recommendations for the utilization of the Powell Farm; and,

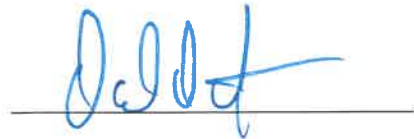
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Supervisors establishes a Powell Farm Ad-Hoc Advisory Committee subject to the following conditions:

1. The Powell Farm Ad-Hoc Advisory Committee shall consist of up to 9 (nine) members appointed by the Board of Supervisors.
2. Members appointed by the Board of Supervisors will represent various stakeholder groups and backgrounds including but not limited to agriculture, farming, environmental, and educational pursuits.
3. Members shall serve in an advisory capacity and meet on an as-needed basis to complete their assignments.
4. The Township Manager is directed to develop a list of recommended candidates to serve on this Powell Farm Advisory Committee and submit those recommendations to the Board of Supervisors for appointment at a future meeting.
5. The Township Manager is directed to begin the planning process with the Ad-hoc Powell Farm Advisory Committee and may engage such staff and professional resources as necessary, subject to budgetary authority, to assist the committee in performing its assignment according to the intent of this Resolution.
6. The Powell Farm Advisory Committee's scope of work shall focus on developing a plan and recommendations for the utilization of the Denton Powell Farm property. The plan should include honoring the preservation status, exploring educational opportunities that highlight farming and agriculture, providing opportunities to share farming and agricultural activities with the public, and promoting fiscal and operational sustainability.
7. Recommendations of the Powell Farm Advisory Committee shall align with the goals of preserving the farm's rich heritage and legacy and the Township's commitment to environmental sustainability.
8. The Powell Farm Advisory Committee shall submit their plan and recommendations to the Board of Supervisors when complete, following which the Powell Farm Advisory

Committee shall no longer exist as an Ad-Hoc Committee of the Township, and their work shall be appreciated by the Board of Supervisors.

**RESOLVED AND ENACTED** this 5<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2023.

ATTEST:



Daniel D. Santoro,  
Township Manager/Secretary

TOWNSHIP OF CRANBERRY

By: 

Michael D. Manipole, Chairman  
Board of Supervisors