

**Township of Lawrence
County of Mercer**

Ordinance No. 2323-19

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LAWRENCE AUTHORIZING PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:12-14 A
LEASE FOR A PORTION OF THE STORAGE BUILDING AT CENTRAL PARK TO YOUTH SPORTS CLUBS**

WHEREAS, the Township of Lawrence owns, for recreation and conservation purposes, park land known as Central Park; and

WHEREAS, the Lawrence Lacrosse Club, the Lawrence Township Junior Baseball Softball Association, the Lawrence Hamnett Soccer Association, and the Lawrence Junior Cardinals Football and Cheer Club are non-profit organizations having as their purposes the encouragement of youth recreation and athletics, and the furnishing of such other accommodations, refreshments, entertainment and social diversion as may be required to facilitate the same; and

WHEREAS, the importance and desirability of providing a wide variety of programs, activities and opportunities for youth recreational athletics to Township residents has long been recognized by Township officials and residents; and

WHEREAS, the Lawrence Lacrosse Club, the Lawrence Township Junior Baseball Softball Association, the Lawrence Hamnett Soccer Association, and the Lawrence Junior Cardinals Football and Cheer Club are locally-based, volunteer-run organizations that promote recreational opportunities for youth of varied ages and abilities, and enhance the quality of life in the Township; and

WHEREAS, the activities of these organizations will benefit a broad cross-section of Township residents; and

WHEREAS, at least 300 persons presently benefit from the public purposes served by these organizations, and the number of persons served by these organizations is likely to increase as the programs offered by them continue to grow; and

WHEREAS, the activities of these organizations promote the health, safety, morals and general welfare of the community; and

WHEREAS, the Lawrence Lacrosse Club, the Lawrence Township Junior Baseball Softball Association, the Lawrence Hamnett Soccer Association, and the Lawrence Junior Cardinals Football and Cheer Club regularly use Central Park for games and practices, and desire to lease a portion of the storage building located at the park for the storage of their equipment, uniforms and supplies; and

WHEREAS, subject to approval by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Division of Green Acres, it is the intent of the Township Council to lease to each organization a portion of the storage building located at Central Park, in furtherance of the aforesaid public benefits provided by the Lawrence Lacrosse Club, the Lawrence Township Junior Baseball Softball Association, the Lawrence Hamnett Soccer Association, and the Lawrence Junior Cardinals Football and Cheer Club.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Township Council of the Township Lawrence in Mercer County, New Jersey as follows:

Section 1. Preamble. The preamble is incorporated as if fully set forth herein.

Section 2. Lease Authorized. Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12-14, the Township Council hereby authorizes separate leases with the Lawrence Lacrosse Club, the Lawrence Township Junior Baseball Softball Association, the Lawrence Hamnett Soccer Association, and the Lawrence Junior Cardinals Football and Cheer Club for a portion of the storage building located at Central Park for the purposes of supporting and enabling the recreational and athletics activities provided by these organizations. The lease shall be subject to the following conditions:

- A. Term:** The initial term shall be 3 years, which may be renewed in intervals of 3 years;
- B. Consideration:** Consideration shall be one dollar (\$1.00) per year;
- C. Insurance:** The organizations shall provide the Township Manager with a certificate of appropriate insurance; and
- D. Such other terms and conditions** reasonably recommended by the Township Manager and approved by the Township Council.

Section 3. Enforcement. The Township Manager is hereby designated as the Township official responsible for enforcement of the lease.

Section 4. Annual Report. For each calendar year, or portion thereof, the lease herewith authorized is in effect, the Lawrence Lacrosse Club, the Lawrence Township Junior Baseball Softball Association, the Lawrence Hamnett Soccer Association, and the Lawrence Junior Cardinals Football and Cheer Club shall be required to submit to the Township Manager a report containing the following information:

- A. The activities to which the leasehold was put during that year;**
- B. The activities undertaken by the organization in furtherance of the public purposes as identified above;**
- C. The approximate value or cost, if any, of the activities undertaken by the organization in furtherance of such public purposes;**
- D. An affirmation of the continued federal and tax exempt status of the organization.**

Section 5. Severability. If any article, section or part of this ordinance shall be declared to be unconstitutional, invalid or inoperative, in whole or in part, by a court of competent jurisdiction, no such determination shall be deemed to invalidate the remaining articles, sections or part of this ordinance.

Section 6. Repealer. All ordinances and all provisions thereof inconsistent with this ordinance or any part hereof are hereby repealed. Nothing in this ordinance is intended to limit inspections provided for by all applicable ordinances that may be in addition to the inspection provided for herein.

Section 7. Effect. This ordinance shall take effect twenty (20) days after adoption.

Adopted: March 19, 2019

RECORD OF VOTE

COUNCIL	AYE	NAY	PRESENT	ABSENT	ABSTAIN	MOVE	SECOND
Mr. Kownacki				X			
Ms. Lewis	X					X	
Dr. Maffei				X			
Mr. Powers	X						X
Mayor Bobbitt	X						