

**LEHIGH TOWNSHIP  
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-5

AN ORDINANCE OF THE LEHIGH TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AMENDING THE LEHIGH TOWNSHIP ZONING MAP BY REZONING APPROXIMATELY 6.8 ACRES OF LAND LOCATED ON THE NORTHERN SIDE OF OLD MAIN STREET AND FURTHER IDENTIFIED AS NORTHAMPTON COUNTY TAX PARCEL J2 7 15 FROM THE GENERAL COMMERCIAL (GC) ZONING DISTRICT TO THE AGRICULTURAL/RURAL RESIDENTIAL (A/RR) ZONING DISTRICT.

**WHEREAS**, Ellsworth P. and Elsie Merkle (deceased) are the record owners of certain property located on the northern side of Old Main Street, being further identified as Northampton County Tax Parcel No. J2 7 15, and consisting of approximately 6.8 acres (“Parcel”); and

**WHEREAS**, Eileen (Merkle) Schneck as the Executrix of the Estate of Elsie Merkle has requested that the Parcel described above be changed from its current zoning classification of General Commercial (GC) to an Agricultural/Rural Residential Zoning District (A/RR) and;

**WHEREAS**, the land to the south of the property in question is currently zoned as an A/RR District and the land to the west in the Borough of Walnutport is zoned residential and;

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Supervisors of Lehigh Township finds that the requested rezoning will be beneficial to the Township, adding additional real estate taxes, earned income taxes, and permit fees.

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ENACTED AND ORDAINED**, and it is enacted and ordained, by the Board of Supervisors of Lehigh Township, Northampton County, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, as follows:

**SECTION 1.** The Parcel of land depicted in Exhibit "A", (Tax Map No. J2 7 15) attached hereto and made a part hereof, described at Northampton County Tax Parcel J2 7 15, shall be rezoned from GC Zoning District and shall now be zoned as an A/RR Zoning District. The official Lehigh Township Zoning Map shall be amended to reflect this change.

**SECTION 2. Severability.** The provisions of this Ordinance shall be severable, and if any provision hereof shall be declared unconstitutional, illegal or invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of any of the remaining provisions of this Ordinance. It is hereby declared as a

legislative intent of the Township that this Ordinance would have been amended as if such unconstitutional, illegal or invalid provision or provisions had not been included herein.

**SECTION 3. Repealer.** All other Township Ordinances or parts thereof, including but not limited to the Lehigh Township Zoning Ordinance of 1968, as amended, that were adopted prior to this ordinance and are in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

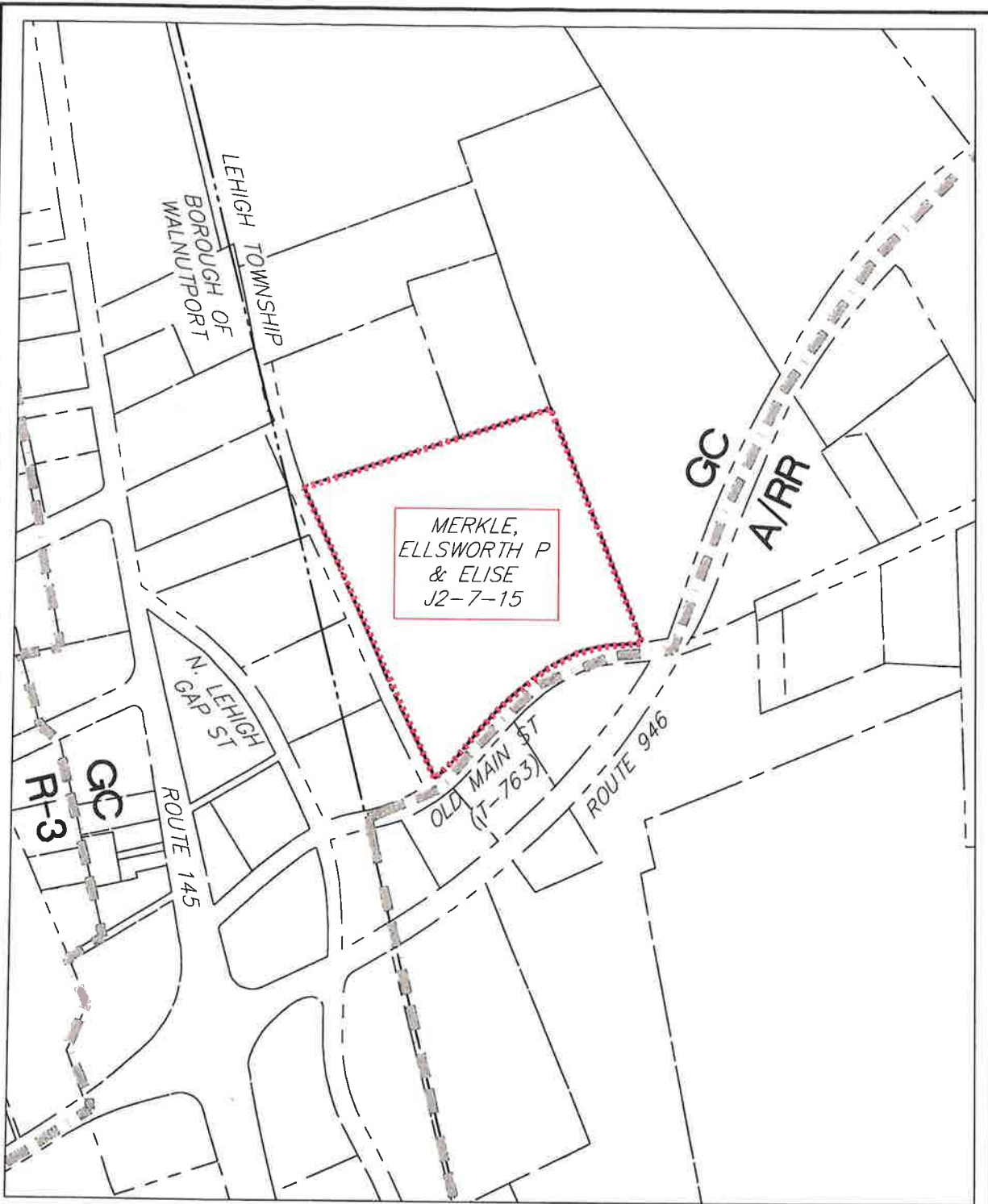
ENACTED AND ORDAINED into an Ordinance this 10<sup>th</sup> Day of September, 2024.

LEHIGH TOWNSHIP

ATTEST:

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Michael Jones, Chairman

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Alice A. Rehrig, Secretary



GC = GENERAL COMMERCIAL ZONE

A/RR = AGRICULTURAL/RURAL RESIDENTIAL ZONE

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|  | <b>LEHIGH TOWNSHIP</b><br><b>NORTHAMPTON COUNTY</b><br><b>PENNSYLVANIA</b>  | PLAN TITLE:<br><b>ZONING EXHIBIT</b>     | DRAWN BY:<br>AEJ                 | CHECKED BY:<br>MHM |
|  |   | PROJECT TITLE:<br><b>MERKLE PROPERTY</b> | SCALE:<br>1"=200'                | DATE:<br>7.01.2024 |
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