

**RESOLUTION NO. 2017-92**

**WHEREAS**, the Monmouth County Board of Chosen Freeholders has approved an Open Space Trust Fund and established a Municipal Open Space Program to provide Program Grant funds in connection with municipal acquisition of lands for County park, recreation, conservation and farmland preservation purposes, as well as for County recreation and conservation development and maintenance purposes; and

**WHEREAS**, the Governing Body of Aberdeen Township desires to obtain County Open Space Trust Funds in the amount of \$250,000 to fund Storyland Park Improvement Project (Block 103, Lots 42 and 43); and

**WHEREAS**, the total cost of the project including all matching funds is \$250,000; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Aberdeen is the owner of and controls the project site.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ABERDEEN THAT:**

1. Holly Reycraft, Township Manager or his successor is authorized to (a) make an application to the County of Monmouth for Open Space Trust Funds, (b) provide additional application information and furnish such documents as may be required for the Municipal Open Space Grants Program and (c) act as the municipal contact person and correspondent of the above named municipality; and
2. The Township of Aberdeen is committed to this project and will provide the balance of funding necessary to complete the project as described in the grant application in the form of non-county matching funds as required in the Policy and Procedures Manual for the Program; and
3. If the County of Monmouth determines that the application is complete and in conformance with the Monmouth County Municipal Open Space Program and the Policy and Procedures Manual for the Municipal Grants Program adopted thereto, the municipality is willing to use the approved Open Space Trust Funds in accordance with such policies and procedures, and applicable federal, state, and local government rules, regulations and statutes thereto; and
4. Holly Reycraft, Township Manager or his successor is hereby authorized to sign and execute any required documents, agreements, and amendments thereto with the County of Monmouth for the approved Open Space Trust Funds; and
5. This resolution shall take effect immediately.