BEFORE THE PENNSYLVANIA OFFICE OF OPEN RECORDS

IN THE MATTER OF: :

MICHELLE GROVE, :

Requester, :

v. : No. AP 2018-1972

GREGG TOWNSHIP,

Respondent.

RESPONDENT'S RESPONSE TO REQUESTER'S APPEAL

The Respondent, Gregg Township, hereby files this Response to Requester's Appeal, stating in support thereof as follows:

I. Factual Background

In this matter involving the Pennsylvania Right to Know Law ("Law"), 65 P.S. §§ 67.101 to 67.3104, Requester Michelle Grove filed a Standard Right to Know Request Form with Respondent Gregg Township ("Township") on October 12, 2018. Ms. Grove's request was as follows:

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Standard Right-to-Know Request Form (Sep. 13, 2018).

Jennifer Snyder is the Right-to-Know officer for Gregg Township. In her attestation, Ms. Snyder confirms that she responded to the request and provided all

responsive documentation to Ms. Grove October 18, 2018. *Snyder Attestation* ¶ 3. Ms. Grove now appeals.

II. Legal Argument

A. The Appeal Should Be Denied Because the Township Has Provided All Records Responsive to the Request.

The appeal should be denied because the Township has provided all responsive records. Ms. Snyder has confirmed that all responsive information was provided. Ms. Grove has provided no information to rebut that fact. The record, therefore, supports the Township's response.

B. The Township Has No Obligation to Obtain Records Relating to Purchases By a Third-Party.

It is similarly beyond cavil that the Township has no obligation to obtain records from a third-party entity that has no relationship to the Township. Ms. Grove concedes in her appeal that certain receipts are in the hands of a third party. Ms. Snyder has explained that the Penns Valley Youth Center, a separate entity, decided to pay for certain items relating to the sand volleyball court, independently from the Township. While it is true that Penns Valley Youth Center rents space in the Township's building, the Township has no obligation to seek information from that entity.

This situation may also be different if Ms. Grove did not file so many Right to Know requests. The simple fact of this matter is that, time and again, Ms. Grove

is given an inch and then takes a mile. The Township cannot start—out of pure concerns for time, energy, and money associated with Ms. Grove's many Right to Know requests—seeking information from third parties.

III. Conclusion

For the reasons set forth above, the Respondent, Gregg Township, respectfully requests that the appeal filed by the Requester, Michelle Grove, be denied.

Respectfully submitted,

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ATTESTATION OF JENNIFER SNYDER

- I, Jennifer Snyder, make the following attestation under the penalty of perjury:
- 1. I am the Right to Know Officer for the Respondent, Gregg Township ("Township").
- 2. I received a Standard Right to Know Request Form from Michelle Grove on October 12, 2018, which requested the following information:

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- 3. On October 18, 2018, I responded on behalf of the Township, granted the request, and provided Ms. Grove with all responsive documentation. A copy of that response is included with Ms. Grove's appeal.
- 4. Ms. Grove now complains that I did not provide her with all documentation, and that complaint is misplaced.

5. For one, to the extent that the Township paid for the sand volleyball

court, the Township did so from a quote rather than a receipt.

6. Consequently, Ms. Grove's insistence that there will be a separate

receipt is incorrect.

7. Second, the Penns Valley Youth Center installed the sand volleyball

court, as part of their ServeCamp, and may have paid for certain items relating to the

sand volleyball court, independently from the Township. These receipts would not

be in my possession, custody or control.

8. The Penns Valley Youth Center rents space in the Old Gregg School,

which is owned by the Township, but the Penns Valley Youth Center is not otherwise

associated with the Township.

9. I hereby certify that the facts contained in the foregoing Attestation are

true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief, and that I make

this Attestation subject to the penalties of 18 Pa. C.S. § 4904 relating to unsworn

falsification to authorities.

Jennifer Snyder

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, David S. Gaines, Jr., hereby certify that a true and correct copy of this Response to Requester's Appeal was served via email to michelleyvonnegrove@gmail.com on this fourteenth day of November, 2018.

David S. Gaines, Jr.

Dated: November 14, 2018