

FINAL DETERMINATION

DATE ISSUED AND MAILED: April 19, 2024

IN RE: *Melanie Norris v. Walker Township*, OOR Dkt. AP 2024-1014

Upon review of the appeal filed with the Office of Open Records (“OOR”) to the above-referenced docket number, it is determined that the appeal is **DISMISSED** because:

The appeal is untimely. The Township partially denied the Request on March 11, 2024. Appeals of denied Right-to-Know requests must be filed within 15 business days of the date of the denial, or by April 1, 2024, in this instance. 65 P.S. § 67.1101(a)(1). The appeal was received by the OOR on April 16, 2024. The Requester is not prohibited from refiling the request and, if necessary, filing a new appeal pursuant to the requirements of 65 P.S. § 67.1101(a)(1).

For this reason, the Township is not required to take any further action. Within thirty days of the mailing date of this Final Determination, you may appeal or petition for review with the Huntingdon County Court of Common Pleas. 65 P.S. § 67.1302(a). All parties must be served with notice of the appeal. The OOR also shall be served notice and have an opportunity to respond according to court rules as per 65 P.S. § 67.1303. However, as the quasi-judicial tribunal adjudicating this matter, the OOR is not a proper party to any appeal and should not be named as a party.¹ All documents or communications following the issuance of this Final Determination shall be sent to oor-postfd@pa.gov. This Final Determination shall be placed on the website at: <http://openrecords.pa.gov>.

Issued by:

/s/ Joshua Young

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JOSHUA YOUNG, ESQ.

Sent to: Requester; Agency Open Records Officer, Walker Township

¹ *Padgett v. Pa. State Police*, 73 A.3d 644, 648 n.5 (Pa. Commw. Ct. 2013).