

(182) **BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS of NETHER PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP**
MEETING of August 4, 2016

A legislative meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Nether Providence Township, duly advertised and posted in accordance with law, was called to order at 7:30 PM on Thursday, August 4, 2016 in the Board of Commissioners' Meeting Room, Township Municipal Building, 214 Sykes Lane, Wallingford, PA 19086.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Commissioner Much
Commissioner Baker
Commissioner Sullivan
Commissioner Dougherty
Commissioner Kenworthy

Gary Cummings	Township Manager
Dave Grady	Asst. Township Manager
Mike Maddren	Township Solicitor
Lisa Swan	Finance Director
Charles Catania	Township Engineer
David Splain	Chief of Police

EXCUSED: Commissioner O'Connor
Commissioner Knapp

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Approximately 8 people in attendance.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Much led the Pledge of Allegiance which was recited by all.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Gary Silver (Chair of Parks Commission) – Mr. Silver noted the upgraded Parks section of the township website and stated there is a Furness Park clean up set for September 17, 2016 from 1:00pm to 4:00pm. He also mentioned they are concluding park sign designs so they are consistent at all parks in the township. Mr. Much asked a sign be placed at the newly named Gouley Park. Mr. Silver also noted that Park Commission meetings will be every other month. Mr. Sullivan noted the Commissioners support the Park Commission's efforts in making improvements.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Legislative Meeting of July 7, 2016

Mr. Cummings noted a minor change to note Senator Killion's satellite office is the 1st Wednesday. Mr. Much moved to approve the minutes of July 7, 2016. Mr. Sullivan seconded the motion which passed by a vote of 5-0.

SOLICITORS REPORT

Mr. Maddren noted the school district approved the tax appeal settlement of 718 W. Brookhaven Road. Mr. Much made the motion to approve the settlement. Mr. Sullivan seconded the motion and asked why it's so low. Mr. Maddren stated he was not sure. The motion passed by a vote of 5-0. Mr. Maddren also noted Widener University is filing for "exempt status" for a parcel on Chestnut Parkway which is part of and contains the sign for Taylor Arboretum.

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ENGINEERS REPORT

Mr. Catania submitted his report and noted he reviewed a drainage issue at 426 Palmers Lane.

Mr. Much asked if there were any problems with the recent resurfacing of roads and Mr. Catania said there are no problems he was aware of.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Much gave the police report.

Summit School at Gouley Park – alarm system design – new lease – Mr. Cummings noted we have received a proposal for \$5,000 from Linn Associates to design fire alarm system. Mr. Grady noted the design would be a basis for installing a system estimated at about \$60,000. Mr. Kenworthy stated he did not want to spend that much not knowing the future of the building and other board members agreed.

Street light request for Putnam Boulevard – Mr. Cummings said Chief Splain reviewed the request and found two dark areas but said there are no statistics showing a need for streetlights. Mr. Much asked if the home owners association could share the cost. After further discussion, this was tabled until Mr. O'Connor returns.

Stop sign request on Winterloch Way at Windsor Place – Chief Splain said there is danger if kids are in the street. After discussion, the Board agreed to pursue the installation of a stop sign but to implement it with other signs to save on advertising cost.

Local traffic only signs – Twyckenham at Beatty and Mulberry at Providence (in Media Borough) from TSO – Mr. Much noted the request for a “Do Not Enter” sign on Twyckenham Road at Beatty Road and also on Mulberry Road at Providence Road. A resident from Twyckenham Road stated she was against the signs noting there are too many signs in the area. No action was taken.

BUILDING AND ZONING COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Much read the report in Mr. O'Connor's absence. He then stepped out of the room.

Zoning Board Meeting on August 15th - Mr. Baker noted three new applications being a request for a new sign at Wallingford Presbyterian Church, a request to install a new gazebo at 108 Chesley Drive, and a special exception request for a garage over 500 sq. ft. at 201 Pine Road.

Zoning Hearing on 224 N. Providence scheduled for September 19 – Mr. Baker noted the zoning hearing for 224 N. Providence Road is scheduled for September 19th.

Mr. Much returned.

Strathmore Court escrow release request – Mr. Lee Arters said it is past the 18 month escrow period and he met with Mr. Catania who found three paving depression areas. Mr. Arters stated he will be getting a paving contractor to repair these areas. He requested the Board to release the final escrow funds for all improvements except the storm water basin and storm water improvements, subject to fixing the depressions. He noted the escrow for storm water improvements are to be retained for 24 months. Mr. Catania was not sure of the exact amount to be released. Mr. Kenworthy moved to release funds subject to the 18 month escrow subject to repairs being completed and approved, the amount to be determined by Mr. Catania and Mr. Cummings. Mr. Baker seconded the motion which passed by a vote of 5-0.

Lot line relocation at 202 Walker Lane (Estate of Jane Redgrave) – Mr. Cummings noted this is just being introduced tonight and will be before the Township planning commission on September 6.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Motion to approve warrant list – Mr. Kenworthy reviewed the bills list and said it appears be the normal expenses but also noted the resurfacing charges. He moved for approval. Mr. Dougherty seconded the motion. Mr. Dougherty asked if a portion of the Catania Engineering bills are reimbursable and Mr. Catania said they were. The motion passed by a vote of 5-0.

COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

Summer Recreation program ended July 28 – Mr. Baker noted a successful camp this year and they planned to have a meeting to review the program and see what improvements can be made.

Family Fun Day is September 10 – Mr. Baker noted the 5th Annual Family Fun Day will be held on Saturday, September 10th.

Motion to authorize to receive bids for paving improvements and tennis court demolition at Bullens Lane Park – Mr. Baker made this motion. Mr. Dougherty seconded the motion which passed by a vote of 5-0.

Motion to authorize the Co-Stars purchase of play equipment and benches, etc. at Bullens Park – Mr. Baker moved to authorize these purchases through the State’s Co-Stars program noting it included play equipment, benches, landscaping and signage for a total of \$37, 997.90. Mr. Dougherty seconded the motion. Mr. Kenworthy asked where the match funds would come from. It was noted the match is approximately \$27,000 and it would come from the Parks Fund. The motion passed by a vote of 5-0.

Mr. Baker said he wished to put up nice “Welcome to Nether Providence” signs at Township entrances. The Board discussed and Mr. Much stated he agreed but noted concerns about too many signs. Mr. Dougherty thanked the administration for their help with Bullens Lane Park project and its major improvements.

FIRE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Fire Companies fundraising – Mr. Dougherty reported no new information at this time.

Sale of SMFC pumper – Mr. Cummings explained BP Apparatus will advertise the truck and only collect a 10% commission if sold. Mr. Dougherty moved to advertise the truck with them for \$35,000 at no obligation to sell. Mr. Kenworthy seconded the motion which passed by a vote of 5-0.

IT quotes - Mr. Dougherty noted we have received three quotes. Mr. Much said it should be an open bid and we should offer it to residents. Ms. Swan explained the solicitation process and many hours by Chief Splain, Mr. Grady along with herself researching the needs. Mr. Dougherty said he would like a month to review the proposals and asked why CAT 6 wiring was needed. Chief Splain stated it is state of the art. Mr. Much said he would like to allow residents who are in the business to be able to have the opportunity to supply a quote. Mr. Sullivan agreed.

Mr. Dougherty stated he heard from Mr. Leo Hackett on a question they had on EIT (Earned Income Tax) and Mr. Hackett said there is a relatively small amount of residents for which it would be a new tax.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Much gave the Public Works report in Mr. O’Connor’s absence.

INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE REPORT

Copples Lane sidewalk project – Mr. Sullivan noted construction will start soon, and said there was a public meeting on July 21st.

Moore Road sidewalk project – Mr. Sullivan stated the engineering design for the project was awarded to Baker International and the kick-off meeting was held. He noted an informational letter went out to residents and surveying has started.

Multi-Modal grant application – Mr. Sullivan noted the application was submitted and included the extension of the Leiper-Smedley Trail up Rose Valley Road to Providence Road and the installation of new bike lanes on Brookhaven Road.

Request for supplemental funding by Baker International for Copples Lane project (\$3,984) – Mr. Sullivan noted that Baker International requested an additional payment under Supplement #1 in the amount of \$3,984, noting it was for preparing a detour plan required by Penn DOT. Mr. Sullivan moved to approve paying Supplement #1. Mr. Kenworthy seconded the motion. It was asked if we can get reimbursed from Penn DOT for this cost. Mr. Cummings stated we will check to see if we can recover any of this cost. The motion passed by a vote of 5-0.

CMAQ grant awarded – Mr. Sullivan noted the exciting news that we were awarded \$370,169 CMAQ grant to install a new sidewalk on E. Possum Hollow Road from the train station to Providence Road. He also noted the Board has in their packets the spreadsheet on all grants and their matches.

MANAGERS REPORT

Mr. Cummings stated he has submitted our MS4 Annual Report and noted that the Township has brochures on naturalizing yards caring for your streamside property and control of stormwater. He noted the Pickle Run will take place on Thursday, August 25 at the Garden City Fire House. He stated that Senator Killion has a satellite office at the Township building on the 1st Wednesday of each month and is still waiting for others on their experience with the DCTMA group. Mr. Cummings stated the Police Department has a prescription drug disposal container in their lobby and there will be an Anti Bully Walk on September 18th starting at 9:00 am at the Middle School and finishing at Hepford Park. He noted DEP precautions on mosquito breeding by elimination areas of standing water. He also noted flood insurance options and a tree planting grant opportunity which is due on September 1st. Mr. Cummings also noted a grant opportunity due on October 31st for sanitary sewer work. Mr. Kenworthy suggested that trees be planted at Gouley Park.

Adjournment –There being no other business the meeting was adjourned. Mr. Much stated the next meeting is scheduled for September 1st.