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BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS of NETHER PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP
MEETING of June 11, 2015

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, June 14, 2015 in the Board of Commissioners' Meeting Room, Township Municipal Building, 214 Sykes Lane, Wallingford, PA 19086.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Commissioner Baker
Commissioner Noyes
Commissioner O'Connor
Commissioner Sullivan
Commissioner Kenworthy
Commissioner Dougherty

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

EXCUSED: Commissioner Much

PUBLIC Approximately 33 people in attendance.

ROLL CALL AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Alfred Hurd of 309 Woodward Road stated he and his wife have the Performing Arts Center and are concerned with the school selling the Summit School where the center is located. He said they are just selling it for the money and someone will build houses there and the center will be gone. Mr. Dougherty said we do not know the appraisal value. Mr. Hurd said the School District has an appraisal but will not release it.

Valerie Mcadoo of 12 Plush Mill Road stated she lives across from the Summit School and said she enjoys the open space and noted the yoga classes are held at the center. She said she and her neighbors are here to ask for support from the Township from selling the property. Mr. Dougherty suggested the residents go to the next School Board meeting.

Matt Maltese of 215 Knoll Road stated he is in the 3rd Ward and asked if there is a process the township would go through to pursue purchasing the Summit School property. Mr. Dougherty said he is generally interested in buying it but has limited information. Mr. Noyes said the School Board could sell the property to a developer, to the Hurds, to the township or to any one. He said if it is sold to a developer the soccer fields go away. He noted the school needs to fund their pension plan.

A woman from Dogwood Lane stated she supports the neighbors and said it's a great open space and asked for a show of hands of those here to support the saving of the property. About 15 hands were raised. She asked the Board to advocate for them. Mr. Dougherty said Mr. Cummings will call the school district to ask what the appraisal amount is and see what may be done.

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Carr Everbach of 212 Dogwood Lane asked about zoning and stated he knew there was a flood plain on the Summit School property and that variances may be necessary. Mr. Dougherty noted the Zoning Hearing Board is an independent body and will not offer an opinion prior to a variance submission. It was noted the Summit School property is zoned R1-A (30,000 sq. ft. minimum lot area). Mr. Noyes noted even if a residential plan was proposed, it will have to go through multi-month land development reviews.

Championship Ice Hockey Team – Mr. Dougherty introduced the SHMS Hockey Team who went 20-0 and won the Championship. He asked the kids and coaches to come up. Rick Graham spoke and said these are great kids to coach and they were 5th and 6th graders. He said it wasn't an easy season, but they overcame hardships. He stated they always received compliments about what great sportsmanship they demonstrated.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

The appointments of Steven Henry and Matt Derbabian to the Parks Commission at the June 4 meeting was ratified.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Legislative Meeting of May 14, 2015

Mr. Baker moved to approve the minutes of the May 14 meeting. Mr. Sullivan seconded the motion which passed by a vote of 4-0, with Mr. Dougherty and Mr. Kenworthy abstaining as they were not present.

PARKS COMMISSION REPORT

Gary Silver Chair said the commission met Monday and residents around Summit came to their meeting as well and asked the Parks Commission their opinion. He stated they supported keeping the open space at Summit as a current or future park. He noted the site development package has been prepared by the School District. Mr. Noyes asked if there is any place to replace the soccer field and Mr. Silver said "No." He stated they do not know the sale amount the School District is looking for so they can't recommend anything at this time. He noted the community garden at SHMS is completed and we are waiting to see if our Bullens Lane grant gets funded. He also said the Commission suggests establishing a play area at Houston Park and are also interested in having stop signs and a cross walk installed on Harvey Road. He stated they are working with NLT to prepare a parks and recreation survey for residents. Mr. Noyes noted NLT supports funding to help preserve open space. Mr. Silver stated the Park Commission is also very interested in pursuing trails in Furness Park and noted the initial cost was high so it would have to be installed in phases and that 2 residents have agreed to supply easements. He said their next meeting is July 13th.

SOLICITORS REPORT

Mr. Maddren noted Kinder Park Phase 2 was approved a month ago and we need to approve \$284,786.00 as the escrow amount, which has been approved by Mr. Catania. Mr. Noyes moved to approve this as the escrow amount. Mr. Kenworthy seconded the motion. It was noted Phase 2 is the only phase within NPT but Beth Naughton Beck, attorney for the development noted a sliver of the Township is within Phase 1. The motion passed by a vote of 6-0.

Flood Plain Ordinances – Mr. Maddren noted the mandate to revise the ordinance and Mr. Catania is to review it. Mr. Cummings noted the comparison of the original proposal and the DCED comments are in the commissioners' folders.

Sewer Lateral Ordinances – Mr. Maddren said he received comments from Mr. Catania and Mr. Sullivan and he will address it next month.

ENGINEERS REPORT

Mr. Catania said he submitted his report while noting the Leiper House roof replacement is expected to start August 1st and that road resurfacing will begin mid to late July.

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MANAGERS REPORT

Mr. Cummings noted the cost of the sound system as approved may change by a few dollars. He stated a rain garden presentation was held and a website on how to install them is being set up. He also noted the Leiper House's Party on the Porch will be June 26 and the Creekside Swim Club has a 5k on July 2nd at 6:00pm. Mr. Cummings stated that the NPT Historical Society won the Heritage Commission publication award for its coloring book prepared by Shane Kennedy and a county HHW collection is on June 13th from 9:00am to 3:00 pm at Marple-Newtown High School.

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

Motion to approve Warrant List – Mr. Dougherty went through the warrant list and asked for questions. There were none. He moved to approve the warrant list. Mr. Baker seconded the motion which passed by a vote of 6-0.

Constellation Master Agreement for Natural Gas – This is to be visited at the July meeting.

Motion to Adopt Ordinance No. 779 (DVRFA Loan for Fire Truck) – Mr. Dougherty moved to approve the ordinance. Mr. Noyes seconded the motion but asked for an update. The motion was passed by a vote of 6-0.

COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT REPORT

Multi-Modal Grant Due July 31 – The Board discussed and Mr. Cummings said they will apply for the balance of projects previously submitted.

Motion to Adopt Resolution Supporting DCED Grant for Trail Improvements to Furness Park – Mr. Baker moved to approve the resolution. Mr. Noyes seconded the motion and asked whether to apply for a grant around Summit. After discussion it was agreed we will not be able to meet the requirements for this grant round. The motion was passed by a vote of 6-0.

Mr. Baker noted the dugout parts have arrived for installation at Houston Park.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Mr. Dougherty asked the Chief about traffic enforcement on Waterford Way. Chief Splain said he has 4 tickets written today. Mr. Sullivan asked for continued enforcement on Meadow Lane. It was noted that the Highway Department had painted the requested lines and the crosswalk. Mr. Baker gave the police report in Mr. Much's absence.

BUILDING AND ZONING COMMITTEE REPORT

Ratify Single Lot Escrow Release to Quindlen Associates for New House at 36 Brookside Road -

Mr. Kenworthy noted the Board approved the single lot escrow release for the Quindlen property at 36 Brookside Road at the June 4 meeting.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. O'Connor gave the Highway Report and thanked the department for their hard work.

Motion to Adopt Resolution Supporting Watershed Protection Grant for Parkridge Outfall-

Mr. O'Connor noted \$147,418 to be applied for in a grant for the Parkridge Outfall. Mr. O'Connor moved to approve the resolution. Mr. Baker seconded the motion which passed by a vote of 6-0.

INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Sullivan noted that Mr. Maddren handled the sanitary sewer lateral and flood plain ordinance under his agenda.

Mr. Sullivan asked Chief Splain to use the speed monitor to collect data for the traffic calming study.

Mr. Cummings thanked Mr. Grady for his hard work on all the grants.

ADJOURNMENT – There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.