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**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS of NETHER PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP  
MEETING of May 14, 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, May 14, 2015 in the Board of Commissioners' Meeting Room, Township Municipal Building, 214 Sykes Lane, Wallingford, PA 19086.

**ROLL CALL**

PRESENT: Commissioner Much  
Commissioner Baker  
Commissioner Noyes  
Commissioner O'Connor  
Commissioner Sullivan

Gary Cummings	Township Manager
Charles Catania	Township Engineer
Dave Grady	Assistant Township Manager
Jim Harrigan	Township Solicitor (sitting in for Mr. Maddren)
David Splain	Chief of Police
Lisa Swan	Finance Director

EXCUSED: Commissioner Kenworthy  
Commissioner Dougherty

**PUBLIC** Approximately 13 people in attendance.

**ROLL CALL AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

**RECOGNITION OF RON ANDERSON**

Mr. Much summarized Mr. Anderson's history in youth sports with NPAA, building up team sports, particularly soccer and baseball, and stated he was instrumental in the development of our Field of Dreams. He stated Mr. Anderson is an incredible asset to the township and noted all his time is volunteer. Mr. Much noted it takes a lot of time and he thanked Mr. Anderson for all his hard work and dedication and presented him with a certificate of recognition to great applause. Mr. Anderson stated he met Bob Urban when he was assistant coach for his daughter's team and learned quickly to draft other parents to help out. He stated the late Bob Urban was an inspiration noting he spent 35 years in NPAA Soccer, most without his kids being in the program. Mr. Anderson went through the history of NPAA Baseball Program and reiterated that Bob Urban did it for the kids. He also thanked Nick Cirilli as partner and true community servant. He also thanked all the volunteers over the years especially his wife Joanne.

Mr. Sullivan arrived at this time, 7:45 PM.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Susan Powell of 601 Morris Lane stated she was concerned with the safety along Meadow Lane. She noted cars race so fast around the corner at Morris and she has trouble backing out of her driveway onto Meadow Lane. She said she appreciated the efforts of the Police Department but a permanent change must be made. She suggested speed bumps and stated with summer approaching, a lot more kids and people will be walking there.

Wally Schneider of 501 Morris Lane said he knows Meadow Lane is a thoroughfare, but did not expect it to be a speedway while noting the police do enforcement occasionally. He stated he was surprised a couple years ago when the stop sign on Meadow Lane at Morris Lane was removed. He said by removing the stop sign, Meadow

Lane has become a speedway and he also requested some permanent measures be taken by the Board.

Theresa White of 511 Morris Lane thanked Mr. Sullivan and noted she is a 26 year resident of the township. She said the corner of Meadow and Morris is a public safety issue, especially since the stop sign was removed. She said it is a speedway. She thanked Chief Splain for his recent efforts but stated we all agree we need speed humps, bumps or a stop sign.

William Ringle of 335 Meadow Lane thanked Mr. Sullivan and police efforts but noticed on the speed detection sign that many drivers travel over the 40mph speed limit and the swim club also brings a lot of traffic. He presented a petition signed by 65 residents requesting improvements.

Tom Kildea of 602 Bowers lane said he is present to support the request.

Gary Silver, the Chair of the Township Parks Commission, noted the Commission worked on preparing the Bullens Lane Park Grant. He suggested the Parks Commission meeting dates be on the Township TV channel and the website. He stated they are preparing a survey for residents on area parks in June. He also noted the Community Garden at SHMS is completed. Mr. Silver stated the focus of their last meeting was on Furness Park and they will spend the next couple meetings working on how to improve the park with trails with a focus on educational opportunities. He noted an Audubon Society representative toured Furness Park and said there are spectacular tree specimens there. Mr. Silver noted three neighborhoods surround Furness Park and he asked the Board to think about priorities for the park. He noted their meetings are the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month. Mr. Much stated we should look to functionality and how to increase usage.

Mr. Sullivan asked the Chief to report of traffic on Meadow Lane. Chief Splain stated on May 7<sup>th</sup>, they ran ENRADD and gave out 13 tickets. On May 12<sup>th</sup>, 15 tickets were issue; on May 13<sup>th</sup>, 14 tickets were issued; on May 14<sup>th</sup>, 17 tickets were issues for a total of 62 tickets in 4 days. Chief Splain noted enforcement is only one part. He said the existing signage is sufficient but suggested painting lines so speed enforcement can be done by one officer. Chief Splain thinks removing the stop sign was a cause for increased speeding and noted all 17 tickets today were to township residents. Mr. Sullivan said he will look into adding a stop sign or signs, and having a study done and possible speed humps. Mr. Baker noted he has a similar problem in his ward with Harvey Road. Mr. Much stated speeding is the biggest issue in the township.

#### **APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**

It was noted the Board appointed Randy Rook to the EAC last week and also that Andrew Pennoni resigned from the Parks Commission.

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

##### **Legislative Meeting of April 9, 2015**

Mr. Baker noted a correction. Mr. Much made a motion to approve the April 9th meeting minutes. Mr. Baker seconded the motion which passed by a vote of 5-0.

#### **SOLICITORS REPORT**

Mr. Halligan noted the DCED flood plain ordinance and that Mr. Maddren will offer an opinion on the PEMA loan next month.

The proposed flood plain ordinance was discussed. Mr. Sullivan would like to change to flood permit requirement to just be for those involving a flood plain with a certification that no part of a property be within a flood plain. It was also noted that "watercourse" should be defined as those as shown on the FEMA flood plain map. Mr. Cummings stated changes would be made and submitted to DCED.

#### **ENGINEERS REPORT**

Mr. Catania stated he submitted his report and noted the ADA ramp work is to start Monday and the contractor,

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JMC, expected it to be completed by the end of the week. He also noted Sucher was awarded the resurfacing contract. Mr. Much asked about when the Leiper House roof was to be started. Mr. Catania said the contract was just executed and a pre-construction meeting at the OHCD was scheduled for next week. Mr. Noyes asked about the new house at 36 Brookside and Mr. Catania said it was inspected and was fine. Mr. Baker noted the dugouts for Houston Park should arrive in the next couple of weeks.

### **MANAGERS REPORT**

Mr. Cummings noted 20 new bare root trees were just planted and are growing nicely. He stated Wallingford Presbyterian Church's annual Strawberry Festival is Monday June 1 from 5:00- 8:00pm. He also noted there is a Growing Greener watershed protection grant opportunity and that he and Mr. Grady are attending a seminar on the grant. He stated he attended a MS 4 meeting and a new permit is to be issued for 5 years. He stated the permit requires the Township to make improvements to impaired waters.

### **FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT**

**Motion to approve Warrant List** – Mr. Much went through the warrant list in Mr. Dougherty's absence and asked for questions. Mr. Much then moved to approve the warrant list. Mr. O'Connor seconded the motion which passed 5 to 0. Mr. Noyes asked about the Keystone Schools Healthcare Trust and Mr. Cummings noted it is the police department health care invoice.

**Motion to approve Resolution No. 2015-5 appointing Maureen Fevas as Zoning Officer** – Mr. Much moved to approve the resolution. Mr. Baker seconded the motion which passed by a vote of 5-0.

**Investment of Gouley Funds** – Mr. Sullivan noted he asked about this and the Solicitor sent a response noting investments are restricted by the 1<sup>st</sup> Class Township Code.

**Sound System bids (for upstairs meeting room)** – Mr. Much asked Mr. Grady to speak on this. Mr. Grady went through the bids noting we received three bids as follows: Warren Thomas at \$9,013.00, HIS at \$14,138.00, and Comstar at \$18,569.01. Mr. Grady noted he has a friend who is knowledgeable who felt the system proposed by Mr. Thomas was fine. After discussing, Mr. Much moved to accept the bid at \$9,013.00 from Warren Thomas. Mr. O'Connor seconded the motion. There was a question on the warranty. Mr. Much amended the motion to include verifying a warranty and the motion passed by a vote of 5-0.

### **COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT REPORT**

**Summer Recreation Program starts June 22** – Mr. Baker noted the Township summer camp will start on Monday June 22.

**Parks and Recreation public forum** – Mr. Baker noted the parks and recreation open space plan public forum will be held on Wednesday, May 27 at WES from 6 to 8 pm

### **PUBLIC SAFETY**

Mr. Much read the police report.

### **BUILDING AND ZONING COMMITTEE REPORT**

**SEPTA schedule for replacing Crum Creek viaduct** – Mr. Much noted the Crum Creek viaduct schedule.

### **PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE REPORT**

**Ratify award of road resurfacing bid to Sucher and Sons at \$124,924** – Mr. O'Connor moved to ratify the approval of the contact award to Sucher & Sons. Mr. Sullivan seconded the motion which passed 5-0.

### **INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE REPORT**

**Sanitary Sewer Lateral Inspection Ordinance** – Mr. Sullivan noted he would like to table this until the June meeting.

**Sign letter of interest for DVRFA LED streetlight proposal** – Mr. Sullivan noted the letter was in the Board's folder for review and it is non-binding. The Board agreed to send and Mr. Much will sign.

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