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**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS of NETHER PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP
MEETING of May 24, 2018**

A public 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 24, 2018 in the Board of Commissioners' Meeting Room, Township Municipal Building, 214 Sykes Lane, Wallingford, PA 19086.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Commissioner Sullivan
Commissioner Knapp
Commissioner O'Connor
Commissioner McKenzie-Fiumara
Commissioner Garson
Commissioner Baker

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

NOT PRESENT: Commissioner Dougherty

PUBLIC

Approximately 28 people in attendance.

ROLL CALL AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Sullivan noted an executive session was held prior to the meeting and then led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

POLICE COMMENDATIONS

Chief Splain explained and gave out the following commendations:

Officer Coverdale – Drug apprehension and arrest for Homeland Security detail. Stopped vessel and seized over \$1 million in cocaine.

Sgt. Fisher – Apprehension and arrest of bank robber.

Sgt. Fisher and Officer Worrell – Apprehension and arrest of burglar.

Officer Liss – responding to victim of a drug overdose and the use of Narcan.

Officer Smith – Leading the department in traffic citations at 1,345 or 48% of total department.

Sgt. Elmore – Named Officer of the Year as voted by his peers. The Award is named after Detective White. This will be a yearly award.

Everyone in attendance gave a round of applause.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Gary Silver stated he is Chair of the Parks Commission and noted the commission has been working on park signs and he asked the Board to consider for \$1,000 for 2 signs at each of the 4

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parks. He mentioned this was their second request.

CORPOS (Comprehensive Recreation, Park and Open Space Plan) - closing out of project

Rick Tralies stated he is Director of Landscape Planning for Natural Lands and is present with Anne Toole who assisted in the development of the plan. He noted the plan is 125 pages long and has 300 recommendations developed through the 4 municipality task force and that it took three years. He noted he has visited all parks, trails, Summit School and all schools and the draft report includes information from interviews and two public meetings. He stated they are presenting final draft for June approval, but he expected some more feedback. Mr. Tralies went through summary of active and passive recreation areas totaling 448 acres of land. Ninety-five percent of which are parks and very important to preserve. He mentioned they want the municipalities to consider connecting communities with safe places to walk and bike and noted just a guide while noting it results in economic and social benefits. He summarized components of the plan noting the five goals and nine recommendations. He also noted the plan was funded with DCNR and PECO Green grants. Mr. Sullivan stated the plan was well done. He asked the Board to review and submit comments. Mr. Cummings asked about the involvement of Swarthmore College and Mr. Tralies said they were involved. Mr. Baker asked if there was any opportunity to create a bike trail through the municipality and Mr. Tralies said you could use the Leiper Trail as a start and work with the county. Ms. Toole stated she was on Delaware County Open Space committee and the Leiper Trail was a priority so working with the county is appropriate. Mr. Sullivan noted the Chester Creek trail may extend to Brookhaven so there may be an opportunity to connect to that trail. Mr. Garson also said the plan was well done and asked what was considered the number one priority. Ms. Toole said it would be great to have a master plan for all parks and recommended the creation of a multi-municipal parks committee.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Mr. Sullivan noted there was no one to consider for appointment tonight.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Legislative Meeting of April 26, 2018

Mr. Sullivan moved for approval of the minutes of the April 26, 2018 legislative meeting. Mr. Knapp seconded the motion which passed by a vote of 5-0-1 with Mr. O'Connor abstaining as he was not present.

Work Session Meeting of April 12, 2018

Mr. Sullivan moved for approval of the minutes of the May 10, 2018 work session meeting. Mr. Garson seconded the motion which passed by a vote of 4-0-2 with Mr. Knapp and Mr. O'Connor abstaining as they were not present.

SOLICITORS REPORT

Mr. Scott noted Chief Splain requested the approval to prepare a petition for the destruction of 77 unclaimed firearms. The Board agreed to have Mr. Scott submit the petition.

ENGINEERING REPORT

Mr. Catania explained MS4 stormwater program as it pertains to illegal dumping, public outreach and public education. He asked residents to contact the township as soon as possible if anything was dumped into local streams. He noted the Public Works department checks all outfalls and have been trained on BMPs (Best Management Practices). He noted the townships website has dedicated Stormwater Management page and noted there is a five-year permit

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period. He asked for comments but there were none.

Mr. Catania stated JMC requested additional work totaling \$12,600 for fill dirt at the Parkridge Drive outfall project. Mr. Catania noted the additional work was done without authorization, so the township should not include this amount in their payment. Mr. Grady said we could do a partial payment request. Mr. Sullivan moved to approve payment for the Parkridge project less the \$12,600 and 10% retainage. Ms. McKenzie-Fiumara seconded the motion which passed by a vote of 6-0.

MANAGER REPORT

Mr. Cummings noted the benches for the Children's Initiative project at Sapovits Park are ready for installation and noted an anonymous donor paid for the benches. Mr. Cummings stated there will be a Household Hazardous Waste collection on June 9th at Rose Tree park from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. and DEP has residential swimming pools discharge guidelines that pertain to the Clean Streams Law. He also stated there is a CRC Nature Hike taking place on June 2nd at Ridley Creek Park from 9:30 am to Noon and the Wallingford Presbyterian Church is having their Strawberry Festival on June 4th from 5:00 PM to 8:00pm. He also noted improvements are being proposed to the WES school playground, but they do not need township approval except for stormwater management. Mr. Cummings noted that he was a speaker at this year's APMU Conference on Municipal Government and the DelCo Planning Department is requesting feedback on the County Housing Plan.

BUILDING AND ZONING COMMITTEE REPORT (Matthew Sullivan in Mike Dougherty's absence)

SBA cellular tower proposal on Swarthmore College Property – Mr. Sullivan noted the ordinance amendment proposal and submission from applicant's counsel. Mr. Sullivan stated the amendment provides for cell tower use by right-of-way in R-1A if it's a minimum of 25 acres and the areas are not used for residential use. Mr. Scott noted the current regulations and suggested the use be allowed by special exception and have a setback limit and only one facility per property. Mr. Sullivan asked about aesthetics. Mr. Garson asked for additional photos. Mr. Cummings noted they may be back before the Planning Commission in July.

COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT (Larry Baker)

Summer Recreation Program – Mr. Baker noted the program runs from June 25 through July 26 and 178 children have been registered so far.

Mr. Baker noted there will be a shredding and recycling event at the ACME shopping center with Media and Swarthmore has requested to join the event.

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT (Kait McKenzie-Fiumara)

2017 Audit Report – Ms. McKenzie-Fiumara stated the report has not been received yet but is expected soon.

Furness Library HVAC Improvements - Ms. McKenzie-Fiumara noted bids have been received for the HVAC Improvements at Furness Library and the project has been awarded to GEM Mechanical.

Motion to approve warrant list – Ms. McKenzie-Fiumara noted fraudulent charges on a highway credit card, uniform costs, backflow work at Summit School and drug forfeiture funds sent to the DA's office. Ms. McKenzie-Fiumara moved to approve the warrant list. Mr. Baker seconded the motion which passed by a vote of 6-0.

INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE REPORT (Matt Sullivan)

DCED Watershed Protection Grant – Mr. Sullivan moved to authorize application for the grant to perform stream stabilization for sections of Dicks Run and noted it helps with the MS4 compliance. Mr. Knapp seconded the motion which passed by a vote of 6-0.

Resurfacing bids and paver - Mr. Sullivan summarized the results of the bids as well as available funding. He noted a \$20,000 shortfall if including all the roads in the base and alternate bids as well as the paver, and listed options. Mr. Garson asked if the paver could be used to pave the alternate roads. Mr. Knapp noted Brookside Road (alternate) is about \$19,000 and suggested it be removed and Mr. Baker noted Blakely Road (also an alternate) was another \$7,700 that could be removed. Mr. Sullivan moved to award the base bid as well as the alternate bids for Windsor Place and Wiltshire Drive only to Joseph E. Sucher and Sons. Mr. O'Connor seconded the motion which passed by a vote of 6-0. Mr. Sullivan then moved to authorize the purchase of the box paver subject to changing to a one versus two-year warranty in an amount of \$59,900 and to purchase a used trailer. Mr. Baker seconded the motion which was passed by a vote of 6-0.

Ms. McKenzie-Fiumara left the meeting at this point.

PARKS AND OPEN SPACE REPORT (Matt Garson)

Summit School Committee – Mr. Garson noted the Committee met March 8th and that a Robotics Alliance group was interested in the entire Summit Building. He noted Mr. Grady is reaching out to other municipalities on construction costs for community centers and noted the costs are high. There was also discussion on establishing a trail and amphitheater.

Backstop – Mr. Garson noted the Parks Commission looked at the backstop request for Sapovits Park and decided to make it a part of the 2019 budget.

Park signs – The Board discussed Mr. Silvers request on behalf of the Parks Commission. Mr. Garson moved to authorize the purchase of one sign at Houston Park. Mr. O'Connor seconded the motion which passed by a vote of 5-0.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT (Micah Knapp)

Drug Forfeiture Funds - Mr. Knapp noted Chief Splain's requests for expenditures from the drug forfeiture fund and felt they were all appropriate. The Chief noted the Department was going to propose purchasing body cameras and car cameras, but he said a matching grant is coming up, so he wished to wait on this purchase to see if the grant would cover 50% of the estimated \$22,000. He stated noted he was also speaking to DVIT on the purchases. Mr. Sullivan thought the cost of the file cabinets were a little high. After some discussion, Mr. Garson moved to approve spending up to \$25,000 as requested by the Chief. Mr. Knapp seconded the motion which was passed by a vote of 5-0.

Traffic Calming Matrix – Mr. Knapp noted the latest version was included in the Board's packets. Mr. Sullivan noted some streets have updated traffic data. Mr. Sullivan said he would like to discuss at the June meeting and to look at available funding.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE REPORT (Robert O'Connor)

Motion to adopt resolution for Supplemental County Aid – Mr. O'Connor noted the application for additional funding from the county in the amount of \$7,128 for additional aid for pot hole repair. Mr. O'Connor moved to submit the application. Mr. Sullivan seconded the motion which passed by a vote of 5-0.

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ADJOURMENT – Mr. Sullivan noted another executive Session would take place after the meeting. He noted the next meeting is a Legislative meeting on June 28th. There being no further business this meeting was adjourned.