

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS of NETHER PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP  
MEETING of October 11, 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, October 11, 2018 in the Board of Commissioners' Meeting Room, Township Municipal Building, 214 Sykes Lane, Wallingford, PA 19086.

**ROLL CALL**

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

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

NOT PRESENT:

Commissioner Dougherty

**PUBLIC**

Approximately 10 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.

**Recognition of Girl Scouts**

Mr. Sullivan noted the flowers planted at Hepford Park and Maryland Avenue by the girls scouts. Scouts Alina Garcia and Kelly Montague displayed before and after pictures of the planted flowers. Mr. Sullivan presented Certificates of Appreciation to them followed by applause.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS** – There were none.

**APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**

Mr. Cummings provided a list of terms expiring at the end of 2018 to the Board for review.

**BUILDING AND ZONING COMMITTEE REPORT** (Mr. Sullivan in absence of Mr. Dougherty)

**Subdivision sketch plan for 6 E. Brookhaven Road** – Mr. Sullivan noted the sketch plan for 6 E. Brookhaven Road was a 3-lot subdivision with an existing home.

**Zoning change request for 116 and 120 E. Baltimore Pike** - Ms. McKenzie-Fiumara noted a meeting was held with neighbors. Lindsey Conan, attorney for the requesters noted comments

from the Planning Committee recommending limits on two businesses and limited hours and noted a table comparison zoning requirements and suggestions. Ms. Conan noted they went before the Planning Commission and Bob Linn helped with language and they met with residents in April. It was noted the concerns were lighting and shrubbery plantings to screen the properties. She heard no further suggestions from residents and said owners probably would not want to live there and suggested rezoning to PO-A. Ms. McKenzie-Fiumara said it should be limited to two businesses and the type of business and it should look like a residence. After discussion, the matter will be put on the October 25<sup>th</sup> agenda to consider authorizing an ordinance. Mr. Baker asked if there are restrictions on the type of business being allowed. Debra Puzio, from the audience, asked about restricting against auto repair shops and no neon lights. It was noted it would be office use only.

**Media Shopping Center /ACME Echo conditional use amendment** – Mr. Sullivan noted a conditional use amendment request and public hearing was held at the planning commission and they also want to allow alcohol.

**Ordinances on maintenance of curb and sidewalk within ROWs** – Mr. Cummings noted the township is waiting to authorize the advertisement but wanted to combine with other ads to keep the cost down.

**Regulating tree contractors (require permit/registration)** - Mr. Knapp noted Lisa Jacobs of the Shade Tree Committee came and presented a proposal to amend tree regulations to require registration of tree contractors. Ms. Jacobs came forward and stated she wished to remove landscape architects from having to register and also remove timbering and nurseries from the requirements as they would go through planning commission. Mr. Baker asked how the regulations would be enforced. Mr. Sullivan said it would be enforced by the Township staff. Mr. Garson stated he would like to review and revise Section #2 regarding utility work relative to PUC regulations.

#### **COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT** (Larry Baker)

**Family Fun Day** – Mr. Baker noted Family Fun Day was held this past Saturday and noted there was a long list of people to thank. He noted the township received \$6,300 in donations and he will have a financial summary at the November work session meeting.

#### **FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT** (Ms. Kait McKenzie-Fiumara)

**2019 Budget Schedule** – Ms. McKenzie-Fiumara noted the schedule of upcoming meetings.

**Delinquent tax collection (Portnoff Associates attending August meeting)** – Ms. McKenzie-Fiumara noted the clarification of collection fees and that the Board will authorize advertising along with other ordinances.

**Property tax rebate for volunteer firefighters (Act 172)** – Ms. McKenzie-Fiumara noted the tax break for volunteer firefighters and that it was brought up at the Fire Meeting. Mr. Sullivan said this is a way to thank all of our township fire fighting volunteers and it would be discussed at the November work session.

#### **INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE REPORT** (Matt Sullivan)

**Moore Road sidewalk project** – Mr. Sullivan noted we authorized an inspection RFP. E. Rose Valley Road walk – Mr. Sullivan noted we prepared and issued a design RFP.

**CMAQ sidewalk project** – Mr. Sullivan noted it is in design.

**Aqua offer of payment for Country Club area main replacement project** – Mr. Sullivan noted Aqua's offer of \$277,000. After discussion, Mr. Sullivan moved to accept the offer. Mr. Knapp seconded the motion which passed 6 to 0. Mr. Sullivan asked if we received any offer for

the Callender and Barry Lanes project. Mr. Catania stated they are working on the numbers and will be discussed at the next meeting.

**CDCA sewer unit counts** – Mr. Cummings stated he will be working on this.

### **PARKS AND OPEN SPACE REPORT** (Matt Garson)

**Summit School Committee** – Mr. Garson noted the Summit Committee presentation was held on October 4 and that their slide show is on the township website. He noted the recommendations for a bird sanctuary, trails, athletic fields and a community center. Mr. Sullivan noted the Board agreed the school building is not salvageable and asked to gather demolition cost information.

**PECO Green Region grant (due October 31 – 50% match)** – Mr. Grady suggested this be used for Furness Park.

**Tree Vitalize grant** – Mr. Garson noted the Board will discuss this at a future meeting.

**Furness Park Trail Grant** – Mr. Sullivan noted we need to move on this and said it would be addressed at the October 25<sup>th</sup> meeting.

### **PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT** (Micah Knapp)

**Request for traffic signal at Turner Road and Baltimore Pike** – Mr. Knapp noted the request and other requests for traffic calming on Brookhaven Road. He asked Chief Splain if there were any traffic studies and Chief Splain said they did some studies. Mr. Catania noted we need to see if it is warranted. He noted the installation cost would be in the range of \$250,000 to \$500,000. The Board indicated we should look for grant funding.

**Traffic Calming** – Mr. Sullivan noted Harvey Road and Plush Mill Road would be discussed later. Mr. Knapp noted problems at E. Brookhaven Road at Possum Hollow and that Brookhaven Road is a state road. He is in favor of a traffic study. Mr. Sullivan asked if we can contact PaDOT to do a safety study on Turner Road.

**Parking restrictions on Maryland Ave.** – Mr. Sullivan noted this has been discussed and it was agreed to authorize no parking on one side. Mr. Sullivan noted Mr. Catania's study on stop signs on Meadow Lane at Karen Lane and Bowers Lane and on Georgetown at School Lane. He stated all three stop signs were warranted by the study. This will be authorized at the October 25<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**Street lighting request (end of Oakland Avenue)** – Mr. Knapp stated the walk to Septa is off the end of Oakland is dark and creepy and asked for a cost estimate to install another light. Mr. Baker noted the energy savings from the LED program may be used for this project and Mr. Sullivan stated it was to be used to pay down the loan. Mr. Knapp said maybe we can ask Septa to help with the lights.

### **PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE REPORT** (Mr. Robert O'Connor)

**Road resurfacing** - Mr. O'Connor noted the road project is finished. Mr. Catania noted it was completed and asked if there were any complaints.

Mr. O'Connor read the monthly Highway report.

### **MANAGER REPORT**

Mr. Cummings noted the township is being awarded a \$324,000 grant for leaf machines and that the township would be responsible for \$32,400 match. He noted an e-recycling event for computers on November 3<sup>rd</sup> in Aston and the new polling location for the 4<sup>th</sup> Ward is now at Plush Mills Senior Living Community. Mr. Sullivan noted the Boo Run is on October 28.

**ADJOURNMENT** – Mr. Sullivan noted the next meeting is a budget meeting on October 18<sup>th</sup>.