

**NETHER PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP SUMMIT SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING of  
April 24, 2018**

A public meeting of the Summit School Committee of Nether Providence Township, duly advertised and posted in accordance with law, began at 7:30 PM on Tuesday, April 24, 2018 at the Nether Providence Township Administration Building and then continued at the Summit School.

**ROLL CALL**

**PRESENT:**

Ward 1 – Bob Kelly

Ward 2 – Dana Pickup

Ward 3 – Caity Kennedy

Ward 4 – Justin Henzel

Ward 5 – Jessica Mudrick

Ward 6—Particia Robinson Linder

Ward 7 – Marty Molloy (Chair)

Planning Committee – Robert Linn

Parks Committee – Steve Henry

Commissioner Garson (Vice Chair, 2nd Ward)

Not Present, Excused- Commissioner McKenzie-Fiumara (4th Ward)

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**PUBLIC**

2 people in attendance

Al Hurd, Stage One

**TOUR OF SUMMIT SCHOOL**

The Summit Committee toured the Summit School with Darryl Dixon of the Nether Providence Township Public Works Department. The Committee toured the building, room by room, section by section, interior and exterior. Bob Linn explained where the structural columns in solid condition are located. The Committee noted the presence of areas where water has infiltrated the building, causing damage to areas such as the stage and several classrooms. In addition, water damage has caused ceiling tiles to fall down. The Committee noted that there

are ADA compliance issues. The Committee noted that the building, in its current state, is in significant disrepair.

## **WELCOME & REVIEW OF AGENDA**

Agenda reviewed and approved as presented.

It was decided that we would rotate the Secretary role at each meeting.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES from April 10, 2018 meeting**

Motion to approve minutes from April 10, 2018 – Caity Kennedy Second – Dana Pickup  
Passed Unanimously.

NOTED: Bob Linn provided hand outs to each member of the committee of photographs of the condition of the Summit School's roof. Mr. Linn noted that, in his estimation, the roof is in better condition than he had anticipated before getting on the roof.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

The public was invited to introduce themselves and make any comments they wished at this time. Al Hurd indicated that he was present to answer any questions about the building in its current condition.

## **DISCUSSION**

Marty Molloy opened the meeting by stating that the Committee will be investigating the following “categories of scope”:

1. Demolishing the building for open space;
2. Leasing the land to private organization to take over the management and responsibility of renovating the building;
3. Renovation of existing structure, and
4. Demolish and build new construction.

Bob Linn noted the Committee needs to understand the potential costs of renovation vs. new construction and that, depending on what is decided in terms of use/reuse, from a financial standpoint, there may be value to preserving some portion(s) of the building.

Bob Kelly noted that we need to consider how the land can best serve the community for all ages and interests.

The Committee discussed developing a plan for the entire property, not just the building. Further, the Committee discussed that any plan for the property could potentially be implemented in phases.

Committee agreed that considerations include ongoing maintenance and administrative costs as well as how revenue could be generated. Some options mentioned were community center, senior center or sports “complex”.

The Committee decided that it will break down into smaller “sub-committees” to explore the “categories of scope” noted above. Roles were established as follows:

- Matt Garson and Caity Kennedy – Renovation/Reuse of existing structure
- Patricia Robinson Linder and Bob Kelly - Demo for open space
- Jessica Mudrick and Marty Molloy- Leasing to private organization
- Dana Pickup and Steve Henry-Demo and build new construction
- Justin Henzel and Bob Linn - floaters among the groups based on their building expertise. It was the consensus of the Committee that Messrs. Linn and Henzel, with their backgrounds, can lend their expertise to determining what portion(s) of the building may be salvageable and that they can help the Committee investigate various costs for renovation vs. building new.

It was agreed that the points to consider as the above categories are explored are:

1. Who is “it” for?
2. What does “it” look like?
3. Can “it” generate revenue?
4. Is “it” an investment in the community?
5. What are the potential long term maintenance costs of “it”?
6. What is the cost of construction vs. demolition?

The committee discussed the construction of Upper Chichester’s now 15 year old Community Center as an example of issues that a community may face when it builds a new facility. Upper Chichester has incurred costs for repairs needed to the “new” building, administrative costs, etc. There are long term implications that must be considered in terms of costs and ongoing maintenance.

Marty Molly brought up the conservation of the land at the Summit property. Bob Linn referenced a map and noted that we must stay in the red zone of the map and not encroach upon wetlands.

Bob Kelly brought up the scenario that took place at SRS with the building of and now unusable outdoor basketball courts at SRS. Must keep in mind use of materials in whatever we do.

**NEXT STEPS**

Sub Committees to hold break out discussions before the next Committee meeting on May 8th. Goal is to bring ideas from sub committees to the table at the May 8th meeting.

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Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM.