

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

A public meeting of the Summit School Committee of Nether Providence Township, duly advertised and posted in accordance with law, was called to order at 8:00 PM on Tuesday, July 24, 2018 in the Board of Commissioners' Meeting Room, Township Municipal Building, 214 Sykes Lane, Wallingford, PA 19086.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Ward 2 – Dana Pickup
Ward 3 – Caity Kennedy
Ward 7 – Marty Molloy
Commissioner McKenzie-Fiumara (4th Ward)
Commissioner Garson (2nd Ward)
Parks Committee – Steve Henry

EXCUSED: Ward 1 – Bob Kelly
Ward 4 – Justin Henzel
Ward 5 – Jessica Mudrick
Ward 6 – Patricia Robinson Linder
Planning Committee – Robert Linn

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of July 10, 2018 were approved with no revisions.

PUBLIC

Jenny Montague, here to listen, but a few comments. She believes that a community gathering place is lacking and that we may not need more sports fields.

Adam Fernandez, is listening for an update on the status.

Al Hurd, here to make a proposal. He has requested that if/when the building is re-opened that it include a stage. He has 250 chairs and other furniture that he has offered to furnish a stage if we will reopen one if we tell him by November 1 whether or not we are going to reopen this as a stage otherwise he will have to get rid of or sell the furniture.

Al has noted that they rent the stage out for \$250 for a nonprofit or more for a for-profit entity and this is often rented out once or twice a weekend. Marty asked if there would be the same value if the space was outdoors like an amphitheater, Al said no. And said that there is not sufficient theatre space in schools or other spaces.

Eastern PA Robotics representative reached out to Marty. He has confirmed with the representative that the general idea for lease or partner/adaptive use will be presented to the commissioners as a recommendation and the commissioners will then decide how to implement that if it is the chosen path. It will not endorse one potential partner over another as that was not in the timing or scope of the committee as currently constructed.

GENERAL COMMENTS

The last meeting focused on the different elements of an open space concept and the various cost elements and timing elements that would be relevant if this option were selected:

- In the open space concept the committee came up with three options: (i) passive park, (ii) passive park with a field, (iii) fields.
- With respect to option iii, Noah needed a format that could be manipulated and B. Lin provided it to him so the structured fields option is in the works and a presentable plan will be ready in a few weeks.
- With respect to bathrooms and plumbing, the committee discussed and decided that it would be nice to have one but the cost and maintenance (can our public works department handle it) need to be considered.
- The committee decided that we can really narrow these down to two options: (i) unstructured field, and (ii) structured field. A brief write up will be put together for the commissioners on each including bullet points on ideas/components and the costs. Each of the options will have a quote for the following:
 - Demo and waste removal
 - Playground - D. Pickup handed out a list of articles and possibilities on playground options. She is going to look for price ranges for playgrounds.
 - Landscaping/grading
 - Moving parking lot
 - Bathroom (potentially) / snack bar
 - Fencing
 - Outdoor basketball/baseball
 - Paving new parking lot and walking trail
 - Lighting
 - Signage
 - Insurance

Matt to check in with Dave and Darryl to see which of these points they have ideas on.

Doc to check in with Audubon society grants, Bob Kelly to check in on money from NPAA.

Cons on this idea, one that S. Henry noted that Furness is also passive so doubling up on passive parks right now. Also potentially losing the building structure that is here and potential for community space.

Generally when presenting to the board we need to explain all of the ideas considered, including public works building on the site and even selling the property and its value verses what we paid for the building.

C. Kennedy noted that in the open space concept some people have mentioned a dog park. She also noted that some neighbors have expressed concerns about stadium lighting close to their homes. S. Henry noted that Media little league doesn't have any lights on their field complex so it may not be necessary. Steve also noted that the land is leased by the school district to Media little league and MLL maintains them all on their own.

Noah's visual of the sports complex will be included in what is presented to the commissioners.

Next meetings will focus on adaptive reuse and this will also consider building a new community center. The committee discussed that this would also include the basic concepts and visuals. C. Kennedy suggested that we

write up 2 options: (i) just leave the pad to build later, (ii) warm dark shell and let tenants build out the pods and the innards. The unstructured field, playground, walking path and new parking lot, and potentially an outdoor basketball court would be kept in both of these options.

Kait and Matt to discuss with the Board about setting aside the third Thursday in September for presentation.

ADJOURNMENT

As advertised, the Committee will reconvene in 3 weeks, on August 14. There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.