

**NETHER PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP
SUMMIT SCHOOL COMMITTEE
MEETING of July 10, 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 10, 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 4 – Justin Henzel
Ward 5 – Jessica Mudrick
Ward 7 – Marty Malloy
Commissioner McKenzie-Fiumara (4th Ward)
Commissioner Garson (2nd Ward)

EXCUSED: Ward 1 – Bob Kelly
Ward 6 – Patricia Robinson Linder
Parks Committee – Steve Henry
Planning Committee – Robert Linn

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of June 26, 2018 were approved with no revisions.

PUBLIC

3 persons in attendance.

Alfred Hurd from Stage One, Tim Golden and Carr Everbach from the South Summit neighborhood.

Tim is a commercial real estate appraiser and voiced concerns about basketball courts attracting people from other towns. The committee explained the mission to the public in attendance, which is to serve the greatest number of community members.

Tim has noted that there was a sign at Vernon field at Bullens Lane restricting use of the park to township residents only. Matt Garson said he did not think this was permitted and will look into it. Tim is not sure if the sign is still there.

GENERAL COMMENTS

Clarification on the minutes and discussion from the prior meeting, the reuse of the building could be adaptive reuse for certain organizations that can renovate sections and township stays involved, and this is different from a ground lease of the building which is also a reuse but is different in that the township is not necessarily acting as a landlord. Both are still options on the table but the committee doesn't feel it needs to dig in further to the option of ground lease to a third party. The committee will continue to look into leasing pods to separate community organizations.

The committee has not dug into the township renovating the building and then leasing out, because this doesn't

seem feasible from a money standpoint.

Last meeting focused a lot on sports fields because NPAA came in to present about the needs for soccer and baseball fields.

Paul Fritz is a landscape architect who may be able to help with ideas, he currently works for the county.

The meeting will focus 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 we have come up with three options: (i) multi-use passive park, (ii) passive park with a field, (iii) fields.
- Multi-use Passive would include trees and plantings, creek walk and/or trails, community garden, creative/unique playground, some sort of covered area.
- Passive with a field would include all of the above with some mini soccer fields or other non-structured non-invasive fields. The committee was in favor of this idea. The committee seemed to believe that the space was not the best fit for structured athletic fields like full soccer field and a baseball field and thought that the reuse and reorganization of other fields may accomplish the goal.
- Fields option could potentially fit in numerous baseball fields, soccer fields and basketball courts within a walking path at the edge of the property.
- Next steps/general:
 - a quote for demolition from beginning to end, actually taking down the building, remediating asbestos and any other issues, hauling it away, etc.
 - quote for a playground
 - quote for the creek walk
 - quote for retaining walls or fences based on grading
 - Quote for new parking lot
 - Quote for bathrooms and storage shed
 - Need to confirm what sort of fields will fit in the space. The previous drawings infringed on the wetlands so they need to be revised. Noah is working on this and will get back to us.
 - Community garden and allowing the Audubon society to put in some bird sanctuary related features around the walking trail could be added after the fact and wouldn't cost the township.

Matt Garson to reach out to Dave Grady to see what sorts of grants we could get for the various versions of the open space concept.

ADJOURMENT

As advertised, the Committee will reconvene in 2 weeks, on July 24. There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.