

**NETHER PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP  
SUMMIT SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
MEETING of March 13, 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 7:30 PM on Tuesday, March 13, 2018 in the Board of Commissioners' Meeting Room, Township Municipal Building, 214 Sykes Lane, Wallingford, PA 19086.

**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 – Patricia Robinson Linder  
Ward 7 – Marty Malloy  
Planning Committee – Robert Linn  
Parks Committee – Steve Henry  
Commissioner McKenzie-Fiumara (4th Ward)  
Commissioner Garson (2nd Ward)

**PUBLIC**

1 person in attendance.

**PURPOSE OF THE COMMITTEE**

Mr. Garson explained that the purpose of the committee is to investigate all potential options for future use of the property. The property includes the Summit School building and the parking lot only, the rest is conserved open space

**HISTORY OF SUMMIT**

The initial purchase of the property was to obtain the fields and prevent the property from being purchased by a 3rd party and subdivided or used in a way that would negatively impact the township. The property was purchased for \$925,000 with funds from the Gouley estate, a grant from Delaware County and a loan from the town's sewer fund.

There was discussion regarding the initial decision to purchase Summit. The committee resolved that the building itself presented an opportunity for the township regardless of what is ultimately done with the property. This is because although there was not a specified plan for the building when the property as a whole was purchased, it was always understood that the building was worth in excess of the purchase price, and that there were opportunities to sell the building should the township wish to do that instead of retaining the property for use as a community space or otherwise.

Robert Linn provided aerial pictures of the property and explained the configuration of the building and how any future plans could be fashioned around keeping some or all of the pods or main portion of the building. Mr. Linn also explained the infrastructure of the building of which he is intimately familiar due to his history with the building.

**CURRENT STATUS OF SUMMIT**

At least 665 Nether Providence households use the building as estimated by the Board of Creative Living

Room. This does not include households that use the building for purposes other than the Creative Living Room such as Stage One.

The current issues with the Summit building were considered, such as obsolete windows, leaking roof, potential asbestos, HVAC concerns, and needed ADA updates.

### **WHAT HAS THE TOWN DONE SO FAR WITH SUMMIT?**

Stage One leases the entire building, maintains the property and pays utilities. The township is responsible for maintaining the roof and the HVAC. Currently there is an issue with the roof but the township does not have the funds to put a new roof on the building, which is consistent with the formation of this committee and the exploration of long term uses and solutions for the property.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Alfred Hurd of Stage One suggested that the committee request that the Board of Commissioners spend \$100,000+ to fix the leaking roof on the building. Committee members confirmed that they understood Mr. Hurd's concern but that the Committee was tasked for finding long term solutions for the property and that short term fixes would likely not be feasible nor was it the Committee's place to recommend such expenditures to the Board of Commissioners.

### **CONSIDERATIONS GOING FORWARD**

Should the property be retained as a community space to help integrate families and generations within the township? It could become a gathering place or town center.

There is the possibility to connect Gouley Park/Summit School to Furness Park.

### **DIVIDING UP INITIAL TASKS**

The committee voted to appoint Marty Malloy as chair of the committee and Matt Garson as vice chair.

Marty suggested reaching out to the County and our state representative to let them know our plan and to get their thoughts and helpful tips.

Matt Garson will set up a Google Group to help the committee efficiently communicate.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

As advertised, the Committee will reconvene in 2 weeks, on March 27. There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.