

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS of NETHER PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP
MEETING of January 10, 2019

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, January 10, 2019 in the Board of Commissioners' Meeting Room, Township Municipal Building, 214 Sykes Lane, Wallingford, PA 19086.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Commissioner Sullivan
Commissioner Knapp
Commissioner Baker
Commissioner Dougherty
Commissioner Garson
Commissioner Knapp
Commissioner McKenzie
Commissioner O'Connor

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

PUBLIC

Approximately 9 people in attendance.

ROLL CALL AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Sullivan noted a brief executive session was held prior to the meeting concerning real estate and personnel matters, and then he led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Carol Carr, of 209 Cooper Drive spoke on a sewer back-up into her basement and an occurrence from 3 years ago. She noted the Township public works department spent 2 ½ hours to unclog the sewer and that regular maintenance was to be done and was not. She wanted to know how she can be assured it will not happen again and who is her point of contact at the Township. Mr. Sullivan said he was sorry to hear this occurred and that Mr. Grady would be the contact person. It was noted Dukes Root Control will treat the line.

Kurt Wibbens, of 307 Chestnut Parkway thanked Mr. Cummings for his commitment to the clean-up of Waterville Road and for having welcome signs on the agenda.

Lindsay Conan, representing Drs. Schatzberg and Gentile thanked the Board for considering a zoning change for her clients' properties. She referenced Bob Scott's draft and the definition of emergency. She noted the current proposal allows for 1 residence and 1 office or 2 offices. She would like to have 1 residence and 2 professional offices or 3 offices. She also asked that signage be 25 sq. ft. noting Baltimore Pike is a four-lane highway. Mr. Baker asked if she wanted zero residence and 3 professional offices noting he recalled Dr. Schatzberg wanted to retire in the

home. Mr. Baker questioned that he now doesn't want to live there. Ms. Conan said the proposal is for the long-term and the next owner. Mr. Knapp also asked for clarification. Dr. Schatzberg noted he may have said that and thanked the Board for entertaining their request. He stated he has been there since 1985 and that area renovations have kept up home values and they have also done renovations to keep the neighborhood values up. He wants to bring in another chiropractor and a physical therapist and stated he could live upstairs. He said this would be two businesses and a residence. He went through other possible scenarios and spoke on the history of his and Dr. Gentile's home office uses. Mr. Dougherty asked about existing signage and she said Chesley Office Campus has a 50 sq. ft. entrance sign. There was further discussion on existing sign sizes and what current regulations state. Mr. Knapp stated he was surprised residential requirements were removed from the draft and said being an entirely commercial use and a big leap from the original request to just expand the professional use. Ms. Conan understood the concern about losing the residential use, but people do not want to live in an area where offices are located. Ms. McKenzie said she would look at the numbers again and hoped we would have a draft to circulate to the neighbors. (Mr. Knapp left at this point.)

Dick Linderman stated he is an architect and certified as a BCO and asked if it would be zoned as professional office space. Mr. Scott said it is proposed to be a new district and would keep the R-2 Residence area and space regulations. Mr. Linderman offered his assistance.

APPOINTMENT OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Mr. Sullivan noted openings and asked the Board to review the list. He then moved to appoint all those who want to be reappointed and listed as follows:

Michael Trout to a 6-year term on the Civil Service Commission expiring 12/31/2024
Paul Marshal to a 3-year term on the Historical Commission expiring 12/31/2021
Chris Martin to a 3-year term on the Historical Commission expiring 12/31/2021
Dick Linderman to a 3-year term on the Historical Commission expiring 12/31/2021
Ben Pickup to a 3-year term on the Parks Commission expiring 12/31/2021
Bob Linn to a 4-year term on the Planning Commission expiring 12/31/2022
Anna Lynn Smith to a 2-year term on the Sidewalk Committee expiring 12/31/2020
Marie McGuire to a 3-year term as Alternate Zoning Board member expiring 12/31/2021

Mr. Garson seconded the motion which passed by a vote of 5-0. (as Mr. O'Connor stepped out)

Mr. Sullivan noted the vacancy on the Shade Tree Commission and moved to appoint Carrie Miluski to a 3-year term. Mr. Garson seconded the motion which passed by a vote of 5-0.

Mr. Sullivan noted vacancies on the Parks Commission, Planning Commission and Sidewalk Committee.

BUILDING AND ZONING COMMITTEE REPORT (Mike Dougherty)

Wallingford Realty Partners subdivision at 908 S. Providence Road - Mr. Dougherty noted this 6-lot subdivision went to the Planning Commission on January 7th and variances are needed.
Regulating tree contractors (permit/registration requirements) – Mr. Sullivan noted Mr. Cummings put a draft ordinance together and suggested it go to the Shade Tree Commission to obtain their comments.

SBA Cell Tower proposal (ordinance went to planning commission on January 7th) – After discussion the Board agreed to authorize holding a public hearing at the January 24th meeting.

COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT (Larry Baker)

Community Development Block Grant – Mr. Baker noted the Community Development Block Grant for 2019 has been submitted with requests to resurface Madison Court and drainage improvements on Denver Court..

Welcome to Township signs – Mr. Baker noted the signs would be considered for routes 252, 320 Bullens Lane, Chestnut Parkway and other road entrances to Township. He noted this was previously forwarded to the Parks Commission and they said this is beyond their scope. Mr. Sullivan suggested the Board members look at other municipal signs and get ideas and cost them out.

Mr. Baker wished Chief Splain a happy birthday.

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT (Ms. Kait McKenzie)

Annual newsletter – Ms. McKenzie noted the draft of the newsletter. Mr. O'Connor noted the percentages listed in the budget graph did not add up to 100%.

Property tax rebate for volunteer firefighters (as permitted by Act 172) – Ms. McKenzie noted the Act would give volunteer firefighter a tax break and said she will check out what other municipalities are doing with respect to this.

Accept bid for Summit School fuel oil on GovDeals (\$2,321.75 net to Twp.) – Ms. McKenzie noted the high bid amount was \$2,510.00 (\$2,321.75 to Township) and moved to accept the bid. Mr. Sullivan seconded the motion which passed by a vote of 5-0.

Liquid fuels audit review – Mr. Cummings spoke on the audit noting past findings.

Sale of 508 Vernon Street (back sewer rent) – Ms. McKenzie noted the outstanding amount. After discussion, the Board agreed to allow Portnoff Associates to proceed to sheriff's sale.

Renewal of DEP air quality license agreement – Mr. Scott noted the agreement can be canceled within 90 days. Ms. McKenzie moved to renew the agreement. Mr. O'Connor seconded the motion which passed by a vote of 6-0

Verizon franchise renewal (expires March 8, 2019) – Mr. Scott noted Carl Ewald is handling this and had nothing to report.

INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE REPORT (Matt Sullivan)

Moore Road sidewalk (Resolution No. 2019-2) – Mr. Sullivan noted the resolution is to establish signers for the RFP and moved for approval. Mr. O'Connor seconded the motion which passed by a vote of 6-0.

E. Rose Valley Road Sidewalk - Mr. Sullivan noted there was no update at this time.

Greenlight Go grant - Mr. Sullivan explained the grant could be to improve left turns at East Rose Valley Road and Providence Road and that it can be used to replace the entire signal or just the signal head. He stated he favored just the signal head as it is less expensive. Mr. Catania noted Mr. Grady contacted PADOT and he gave scenarios, and although this would have an impact, it may be minimal.

Policy and procedure for Consultant Selection – Mr. Grady just got a notice from DVRPC and noted the need for 3 people on the Selection Committee. He stated currently it would be the Manager, Assistant Manager and the Board President. Mr. Sullivan moved for approval of the selection committee as stated. Mr. Garson seconded the motion which passed by a vote of 6-0.

Streetlights (on Possum Hollow Road and Turner Road (at parking spaces)) – After discussion and viewing the map it was agreed that we should look at the area at dark and suggest light locations.

Henry/Callender Lane drainage – Mr. Sullivan noted the Aqua work and we are to resurface and put a crown on Henry Lane to channel storm water. He also suggested we put a crown on Osbourne Lane.

PARKS AND OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE REPORT (Matt Garson)

Summit school (possible RACP grant) – Mr. Garson noted we applied for CDBG grant for demolition and that the RACP grant is open but there is a 30-day window and you need to apply for a minimum of \$1 million. After discussion the Board agreed to file an application.

No Littering signs – Mr. Garson noted complaints of littering along roads and in the parks. He said we should install signs and also have community service clean-up days. Mr. Sullivan said he would look to see where signs should be placed. Mr. Dougherty said to put a fine on the signs.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT (Mr. Sullivan in Mr. Knapp's absence)

Potential traffic signal at Baltimore Pike and Turner Road – Mr. Sullivan noted nothing new to report.

Traffic Calming (Harvey Road; Plush Mill Road; speed reduction on E. Brookhaven at Possum Hollow) – Mr. Sullivan noted there are several areas being considered.

Baltimore Pike lane merge at Beatty Road – Mr. Sullivan noted a request was submitted and that we are waiting to hear back from PADOT.

Mr. Sullivan then gave the Police Report.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE REPORT (Robert O'Connor)

Accept 902 Recycling grant – Mr. O'Connor noted the grant was awarded in the amount of \$292,149 (90% of \$324,610) for a leaf truck and a vacuum machine. Mr. O'Connor moved to accept the grant. Mr. Sullivan seconded the motion which passed by a vote of 6-0.

Motion to apply for County Aid – After discussion, the Board will address this on January 24th.

Mr. O'Connor gave the Public Works report and thanked the department for a successful leaf collection and Christmas tree collection season.

MANAGERS' REPORT

Mr. Cummings stated the Fire Marshal reminds residents to replace batteries in their smoke and carbon monoxide detectors. He noted the Red Cross collected 37 pints at the blood drive on January 2 and the next drive here is August 6. He stated Chester Water Authority is considering a rate hike and the County reassessment agents started in Nether Providence on January 2.

ADJOURNMENT – There being no further action the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be a Legislative Meeting on January 24, 2019.