

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS of NETHER PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP  
MEETING of May 10, 2018**

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, May 10, 2018 in the Board of Commissioners' Meeting Room, Township Municipal Building, 214 Sykes Lane, Wallingford, PA 19086.

**ROLL CALL**

PRESENT: Commissioner Sullivan  
Commissioner Garson  
Commissioner Dougherty  
Commissioner McKenzie-Fiumara  
Commissioner Baker

NOT PRESENT: Commissioner Knapp and Commissioner O'Connor.

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

**PUBLIC**

Approximately 11 people in attendance.

**ROLL CALL AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mr. Sullivan noted an executive session was held prior to the meeting and then led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Carl Casella of 201 Canterbury Drive problems with the Springhaven Country Club over the years and asked for a status report. Mr. Dougherty stated he is trying to set up a meeting with the Club representative and Code Enforcement Officer Rich Haywood wrote them a letter. Mr. Grady stated they were working to address the issues. Mr. Casella stated the Providence Road side of the Club is very nice why his side is poorly maintained. He noted the community opposed the installation of the cell tower on the club property, but it was installed anyway and has harmful rays. He said cars are speeding on Route 320 with the 40 MPH speed limit and why can't the speed limit be reduced to 30 MPH like it is in Swarthmore. He wanted PA DOT to be requested to lower the speed limit. The Chief was asked to have a speed survey performed on Route 320. Mr. Casella asked to have the Township Engineer look at the earthen berm and for an arborist to look at the trees behind the berm noting standing water is causing trees to fall. The Board suggested a shade tree member look at this.

## **APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**

Mr. Sullivan noted Ms. Samantha Snyder was to attend but she is not present.

## **BUILDING AND ZONING COMMITTEE REPORT** (Mike Dougherty)

**Request to change zoning for 116 E & 120 E. Baltimore Pike from R-2 to PO** – Ms.

McKenzie-Fiumara stated she attended a meeting between the applicant's attorney and the area residents and the discussion will be ongoing.

**Subdivision Sketch Plan for 6 E. Brookhaven Road** – Mr. Dougherty noted this is a proposal to divide one lot into three and went before the Township Planning Commissions. It was noted there are nice plantings on the property and neighbors were concerned about drainage. It was noted a paper street known as Southwell Lane runs along the property from Brookhaven Road to the Middle School property.

**Sketch plan for 310 Wallingford Avenue** – Ms. Sarah Peck from Progressive Homes was present to make a presentation. Mr. Cummings stated the riparian buffer needs to be 50 ft. vs. 25 ft. and planning commission members favored the cul-de-sac design. Ms. Peck displayed a plan for 11 lots noting the woods on the far side of the stream would be preserved. She explained the home model noting it is mostly single-story living and it will be an HOA community. She said she is working with Houtman engineers to address code concerns. She is doing her due diligence and plans to meet with neighbors. Mr. Sullivan asked if the undeveloped portion is adjacent to Sapovits Park and if expanding the park was considered. It was noted it is adjacent to the park and Ms. Peck said this can be discussed. It was noted storm water management would be beneath the road facilities as well as on individual lots. She noted tree replacement requirements and as a wooded lot, they may consider planting on surrounding areas.

## **COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT** (Larry Baker)

**Animal Regulations (Domestic Chickens)** – Mr. Baker stated nothing new.

**Summer Recreation** – Mr. Baker stated 161 Campers have signed up and he is sure the number will go up.

**Tree Vitalize grant** – Mr. Baker noted the letter of Intent for treating trees against the Ash Borer was accepted.

## **FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT** (Kate McKenzie-Fiumara)

**Verizon Franchise Agreement renewal** – Ms. McKenzie-Fiumara noted a proposal from the Cohen Law group to help with the renewal and the presentation meeting but we plan to not use them. Mr. Baker asked if Verizon met the wiring requirements and Mr. Cummings stated they just made the deadline. The Board ask Mr. Scott to be involved and he noted his associate is well versed in franchise renewals.

**Township Fee Schedule** – Mr. Sullivan asked the Commissioners and staff to review and suggest any revisions.

## **INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE REPORT** (Matt Sullivan)

**Moore Road sidewalk** – Mr. Sullivan noted the meeting with residents on April 18 and that 1 pole needed to be relocated.

**CMAQ (E. Possum Hollow sidewalk)** – Mr. Sullivan stated the design is nearing completion.

**Parkridge Drive Outfall** – Mr. Sullivan stated work is substantially complete.

## **PARKS AND OPEN SPACE REPORT** (Matt Garson)

**Summit School Deed and Committee** – Mr. Garson noted the deed restriction has been recorded and the committee met Tuesday and the last minutes are on the website. He listed the issues the committee is reviewing.

**Children's Initiative** – It was noted this is a proposal to install and paint benches in Sapovits Park near the basketball courts and the benches have been ordered.

**Banners in Parks** – Mr. Dougherty said the banners are still on the fences and they will be asked to be removed while noting previous discussions were to allow advertising on outfield fences on a temporary basis.

**Backstop in Sapovits Park** – The Board discussed this request from a resident to keep balls from his yard and it was noted a backstop was there in the past. It was suggested the Parks Commission review the request and it could be a budget item for next year. NPAA is also to be contacted on their use of this field and need for a backstop.

**Legacy Grant** – Mr. Garson read potential uses of funds under this grant opportunity and noted it is a 50% matching grant. Mr. Sullivan said it may be a way to increase parkland. There was no interest in pursuing a grant at this time.

**CORPOS Plan** – Mr. Garson noted a presentation will be made to the Board at our May 24 meeting.

## **PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT** (Micah Knapp)

Mr. Sullivan spoke in Mr. Knapp's absence and noted streets under which traffic calming is being considered and also stated the Township has a traffic calming matrix.

**Drug Forfeiture Funds** – Mr. Sullivan noted we received a memo from Chief Splain advising the Board of Homeland Security payments received by the Township into the Drug Forfeiture Fund and his request for purchases totaling \$24,750 from the fund. Mr. Sullivan asked the Chief if body and car cameras are being considered. Chief Splain stated he is working with vendors and will report back at the next meeting. The Chief was asked if vehicle purchases are being considered and he stated that is an option, but he wanted to make purchases in waves. Mr. Sullivan said he would also like to discuss vehicle purchases at the May 24 meeting. Mr. Garson asked the Chief if funds could be used for personnel and the Chief stated they could be for drug related activities.

**DCED Apparatus Study** – Mr. Sullivan stated this came up as part of discussions on the purchase of the GCFC pumper and noted we need to restart the process. Mr. Grady stated they first want to hear from all parties being the fire companies, fire marshal and Township representatives on interest in the study.

**GCFC Pumper Purchase** – Mr. Sullivan noted correspondence from one vendor who would not bid cause of a specified engine and he asked the Fire Company to be notified they should get 2 or more vendors to bid on the truck.

**Destruction of Firearms** – Mr. Sullivan noted Chief Splain's request and the Solicitor will look into it.

**PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE REPORT** (Robert O'Connor)

**Road Resurfacing and Paver Purchase** – Mr. Sullivan in Mr. O'Connor's absence noted bids were received and the low resurfacing bid of \$534,295 (base and alternate bid) came in about \$34,000 less than estimated. He stated the Board needs to consider whether to also purchase a box paver and trailer. Mr. Cummings noted the \$5,900 difference between the original quote of \$59,000 and the bid amount of \$64,900 was due to the 2-year warranty in the bid form.

**DCED Watershed Protection Grant** – Mr. Sullivan said we are considering streambank restoration in an amount of \$350,000 and that would satisfy our MS4 sediment reduction requirement.

**MANAGERS REPORT**

Mr. Cummings noted the Furness Library May Fair and Book Sale will begin on May 12 and run through May 15 and the Township is planning to host a blood drive in June. He noted the County mosquito trapping began and there is a household hazardous waste collection on June 9 at Rose Tree Park. Mr. Sullivan suggested having only 1 meeting during June July and August and that they be held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of those months and the Board agreed.

**ADJOURNMENT** – There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.