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**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS of NETHER PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP
MEETING of January 8, 2015**

A legislative 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 8, 2015 in the Board of Commissioners' Meeting Room, Township Municipal Building, 214 Sykes Lane, Wallingford, PA 19086.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Commissioner Baker – Presided in President Commissioner Much's absence
Commissioner Noyes
Commissioner Kenworthy
Commissioner Dougherty

Gary Cummings	Township Manager
Charles Catania	Township Engineer
Mike Maddren	Township Solicitor
David Splain	Chief of Police
Lisa Swan	Finance Director

EXCUSED: Commissioner Much
Commissioner O' Connor
Commissioner Sullivan

PUBLIC Approximately 7 people in attendance.

ROLL CALL AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Baker led the pledge which was recited by all.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PUBLIC HEARING ON 2015 PROPOSALS – (Motion to adopt Resolution 2015-1 establishing priority and alternate projects.)

Mr. Cummings informed the Board that Garden City Manor is eligible for infrastructure projects but South Media is no longer eligible. He stated we could perform an income survey for a specific project in South Media but it would be for next year. It was noted that a public hearing was held and the list was reviewed. Mr. Baker made the motion to approve Resolution 2015-1 establishing the priority list. Mr. Dougherty seconded the motion which passed 4-0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Dana Pickup of 219 Sykes Lane stated she is thrilled about the ordinance on the agenda limiting parking to two hours on Kershaw Road and she is afraid that will just push parking further down on Sykes Lane. She feels it will be unsafe as the police depart the station through the street and lots of children are around there. She would like to see the parking restriction extended on Sykes Lane from the cul-de-sac to Avondale Road. She would like to see such an ordinance passed next month. Mr. Baker asked the Police Chief to monitor and if there are cars parked along Sykes Lane then the Board will consider it. Mr. Kenworthy said he believes it is those who use to park for free at the Wallingford Presbyterian Church but the church now charges \$1.00 per day. Mr. Kenworthy said he will be glad to extend the restriction if it is found necessary. Mr. Baker noted that as the police department is right there it will be enforced.

Holly Speakens of 212 Sykes Lane noted she spends a lot of time manicuring her lawn and had to call the police during Township meetings because people have damaged her sprinklers by parking there and her mail will not be delivered as the mailbox is blocked.

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Ann Reuther of 207 Martroy Lane thanked the Board for the ordinance and noted she is concerned about the safety of school kids on Kershaw Road with landscaping and utility trucks parking there. She asked parking be prohibited during school hours in the morning and afternoon. Mr. Kenworthy asked the Sidewalk Committee to look at installing real sidewalks on Kershaw Road.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Mr. Baker noted a list of Boards and Commission members is in the file. Mr. Cummings stated the Board usually appoints those who wish to be reappointed. This will be considered in February. Mr. Noyes stated Bonnie Smith felt the EAC should possibly merge with another committee.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Legislative meeting of December 11, 2014

The Board reviewed the minutes of December 11, 2014. Mr. Baker moved to approve the minutes. Mr. Dougherty seconded the motion which passed by a vote of 4-0.

SOLICITORS REPORT

Mr. Maddren noted 405 Nashville Court has been demolished. He also noted he was working on contracts for the emergency generator with Higgins and recycling with Suburban Waste Services.

ENGINEERS REPORT

Mr. Catania stated he submitted his report. Mr. Noyes asked about Phase 2 of Kinder Park. Mr. Kenworthy noted a small section of Phase 2 is in Nether Providence and the planning commission will be reviewing in February.

MANAGERS REPORT

Mr. Cummings noted he received the notice to proceed for the DCNR Open Space Plan and asked the Board to approve the consultant agreement with Natural Lands Trust (NLT). Mr. Kenworthy moved to approve the agreement. Mr. Noyes seconded the motion. Mr. Kenworthy noted that NLT donated a portion of their service and we need to get moving. There was a discussion on using the Gouley estate money to pay our cost. Mr. Noyes noted the plan, when completed, would be the basis for getting future grant money to implement the recommendations. He stated he felt the NLT proposal should be an exhibit to the contract and he had some wording changes noting that as stated, Nether Providence is now on the hook for the full \$45,000 match and wanted to make sure we are splitting this cost with the other municipalities. The motion passed by a vote of 4-0.

Mr. Cummings stated we plan to purchase a leaf vacuum machine this year with DEP grant money but plan to hold off replacing the scarab leaf turning machine until next year, noting we need to pay 10% of the cost. He also congratulated Mr. Dixon on the article in a national public works magazine on construction of new courts in Sapovitz Park. Mr. Cummings stated the newsletter needed a final review so it could be mailed with the tax bills and mentioned Torben Spring and Nolan Hiehle who are being recognized in February as eagle scouts. He noted the Fueled and Fired Up Pick 5 Race will take place on Saturday, October 17th this year.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Baker read the public safety report in Mr. Much's absence.

Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 776 amending vehicle code to restrict parking on Kershaw Road, Sykes Lane and Green Valley Road - Mr. Baker read the ordinance and moved to adopt. Mr. Kenworthy seconded the motion which passed 4-0.

Request to Prohibit left turns from Route 320 N onto Providence Road (Rt. 252) when left turn arrow turns off - After discussion, Chief Splain and Mr. Catania will look into the matter and get the cost to make the change to the signal.

Township Building emergency generator status – Mr. Baker noted that Mr. Maddren is preparing the contract and Mr. Cummings will forward it to Higgins Electric.

BUILDING AND ZONING COMMITTEE REPORT

Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 777 accepting Deed of Dedication for Strathmore Court – Mr. Kenworthy read and moved to approve the ordinance. Mr. Noyes seconded the motion which passed by a vote of 4-0.

Kinder Park Housing Development – Mr. Kenworthy stated the Planning Commission met on Monday on Phase 2 of Kinder Park but their engineer did not appear so they will be coming to the February 2nd meeting. Mr. Dougherty noted residents have moved out so homes there will be boarded up.

Young lot line revision (Bullens Lane) - Mr. Kenworthy noted this is a lot line revision to sell open land to neighbors and this will also be on February 2nd Planning Commission meeting.

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Motion to Approve Warrant List - Mr. Dougherty went through the warrant list and asked for questions. He noted the list included 1st quarter contributions to the funded organizations. Mr. Dougherty then moved to approve the warrant list. Mr. Baker seconded the motion which passed by a vote of 4-0. Mr. Noyes asked for gas usage report for 2014.

Township Investment Policy (INR attending February 12th meeting) - Mr. Dougherty noted that INR Financial, the Township pension consultants, will be in attendance at the February 12th meeting to discuss our pension fund investment policy.

Mr. Dougherty noted that First Class Township Code says the Township and school district will split the cost of the crossing guards and he will tell the school district we are splitting the cost so they can put it in their budget.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Baker read the public works report in Mr. O'Connor's absence.

Suburban Waste Services is new recycling contractor – Mr. Baker noted Suburban Waste Services is our new contractor and that there were some early mix ups with the schedule.

COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT REPORT

ADA access to Urban Fields - Mr. Baker mentioned the ADA access to Urban Fields is to be put on the February meeting agenda, along with the summer recreation program.

INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE REPORT

Copples Lane sidewalk – select design consultant and letter to residents – Mr. Kenworthy noted we received engineering design proposals and Mr. Cummings explained Pennoni Associates asked for more time. After discussion, the Board agreed to address this at the February 5 meeting. Mr. Cummings also noted a need to send letter to affected residents but we should wait until the design engineer has been selected.

Sanitary sewer lateral inspection ordinance – Mr. Maddren stated he has received comments from Mr. Sullivan and will prepare something for next month's meeting.

ADJOURNMENT - There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.