

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS of NETHER PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP  
MEETING of December 12, 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, December 12, 2019 in the Board of Commissioners' Meeting Room, Township Municipal Building, 214 Sykes Lane, Wallingford, PA 19086.

**ROLL CALL**

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

Gary Cummings	Township Manager
Dave Grady	Assistant Township Manager
Bob Scott	Township Solicitor
Charles Catania	Township Engineer

ABSENT: Commissioner McKenzie

**PUBLIC**

Approximately 7 people

**ROLL CALL AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mr. Sullivan led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**

Yue Zhou of 419 Sheffield Drive spoke on her interest of being an ad hoc member of the Shade Tree Commission. She stated she loves trees and nature and objects when people cut mature trees. Ms. Zhou also noted how long it takes a tree to grow. Mr. Sullivan suggested she attend the next Shade Tree Committee meeting.

**ENGINEERS REPORT** (Charles Catania)

Mr. Catania said he submitted his report. Mr. Sullivan asked about speed humps on Meadow Lane. Mr. Catania stated it was a little narrow.

**SOLICITORS REPORT** (Bob Scott)

Mr. Scott stated he had nothing to report.

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

**Vernon Walk** – Mr. Sullivan asked Mr. Catania about the status of their storm water management. Mr. Catania said they were close. The discussion focused on buffer width and who would decide. After discussion it was agreed the buffer could be reduced by 50 % if recommended by Township Engineer. Ms. Peck noted she agreed to add a 2<sup>nd</sup> hydrant and to widen the road. She felt this addressed the safety concerns of the planning commission.

**SBA Cell Tower** - Mr. Dougherty moved to accept payment in lieu of buffer installation in amount of \$25,000.00. Mr. Knapp seconded the motion which passed 6-0.

**Arters-Ionoale Subvision** – Mr. Dougherty noted the draft write-up is in the folders and the Board can address next week. It was noted existing stormwater issues need to be addressed.

**Springhaven Country Club** – Mark Damico, 109 Chesley Drive stated he was representing the Club and stated Engineer Matt Houtman, President Josh Wilson, and others from the Club are present. He noted they are working on pool now outside of land development. Mr. Houtman then gave an overview of the project noting the location of the pool area, installation of new pool house, and that a new cabana and about 10,000 of new impervious surface were to be installed. He noted they are complying with our stormwater management and they are asking for 4 waivers which explained. Mr. Sullivan asked about they would have adequate parking noting the loss of 19 spaces. Mr. Houtman said they are adding 19 new spaces over by the castle building. Mr. Sullivan stated the Township has received complaints of speeding and traffic issues leaving the Club on Springhaven Road and it was suggested to beef up the speed hump at the Club's exit. Mr. Knapp noted Chief Splain did speed survey and did not find a speeding issue. Mr. Houtman stated a traffic statement was submitted. Mr. Sullivan stated the concern was the Club is one of a few locations in the Township which serve alcohol. Mr. Knapp asked if lot is ever at capacity, and it was noted only a couple of times a year.

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

**Welcome to Nether Providence Signs** – Mr. Cummings noted signs will be ordered and we will check on whether the one can fit on slope on North Providence Road.

**Garden City Fire Company Christmas Float** – Mr. Baker noted Garden City Fire Co. is having their holiday float around this weekend. He also noted this is his 2<sup>nd</sup> to last meeting.

#### **FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE** (Mr. Sullivan in Ms. McKenzie's absence)

**Verizon** – Mr. Scott said nothing is new.

**2020 Budget** – Mr. Sullivan said we can discuss and adjust next week.

**2020 Sewer Fee** – Mr. Sullivan asked for questions, otherwise we will address next month.

#### **INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE** (Mr. Sullivan)

**Moore Road Sidewalk** – Mr. Sullivan said work will start next week but the detour will occur later.

**Guiderail on Possum Hollow** - Mr. Grady noted the cost of each guiderail opening would be about \$8,000.

**AQUA 2020** – Mr. Sullivan listed roads where main replacements are to take place in 2020. Mr. Knapp asked if Aqua has reached out to residents of Fildes Lane noting it is a private road.

**DCED – H2O Resolutions** – After discussing Mr. Sullivan moved to adopt resolution submitting projects of flood control on Palmers Lane and sanitary sewer extensions for Winding and Heathdale Lanes as well as for North Providence Road. Mr. O'Connor seconded the motion which passed 6-0.

**Growing Greener Grant** – Mr. Grady noted DCNR concerns with streambank restoration projects. After discussion Mr. Sullivan said he is still in favor of submitting a streambank restoration project and suggested Houston Park.

**Multi-Modal Grant** – Mr. Sullivan said the Township received \$500,000 for sidewalks along Providence Road but we can only do about 1/3 to 1/2 of the sidewalk. He said the southern section was in bad shape, but middle section is used the most by kids on their way to school. He also noted the north section is used by people going to Media so the Board can decide at the next meeting.

### **PARKS AND OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE** (Mr. Garson)

Mr. Garson stated the Township received \$14,955 for Furness Park trails and \$35,000 for the Leiper-Smedley Trail from the County Open Space fund. He said the Township will need to match with \$14,000 so will need to decide which sections of the Furness Park trail and Leiper-Smedley Trail to do. The Board will decide at a future meeting.

**Summit Bids** – Mr. Sullivan noted bids for asbestos removal and demolition have been received and tabulations are in the folders. He stated the Board will look over and discuss next week. Mr. Sullivan noted both bids were low, so we can do both projects with available grant funds.

**RACP** – Mr. Garson noted the need to submit a business plan and read Resolution 2019-16 authorizing its submission and moved to approve. Mr. Sullivan seconded the motion. Mr. Baker asked about language to create cultural and civic opportunities. The motion passed 6-0.

### **PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE** (Mr. Knapp)

Mr. Knapp noted South Media Fire Co. is also having a float this Saturday and gave locations.

**Traffic Calming** – Mr. Sullivan noted the list on the agenda. For Beatty Road, Mr. Catania said we discussed at our safety meeting with the PennDOT consultant and he felt they would not look favorable to PennDOT. Mr. Sullivan noted requests for speed humps on two locations on Harvey Road, one close to 252 and one between Chestnut Parkway and Maple Road. Mr. Catania was asked to look at these locations. Mr. Knapp said the speed hump requests for Putnam Blvd. and Ridley Drive can be placed on the traffic calming matrix. Mr. Catania stated a multiway stop is warranted at Vernon Street and Emerald Street. Mr. Sullivan asked if Mr. Catania looked at Ridley Drive and Blakeley Road for a stop sign. Mr. Catania stated he did but will get the report to the Board. Mr. Sullivan asked to get a list of stop signs to be approved and to discuss next week.

**Parking on Oakland Avenue** – Mr. Knapp noted Officer Smith did a watch on Oakland and we will discuss his report in January.

**Right Turn Lane on Brookhaven Road onto Waterville Road** - It was noted a resident had a concern with people driving on the shoulder of Brookhaven Road to turn onto Waterville Road. Resident Joe Zarriello stated the improvement should be done by PennDOT. The Board asked to get the accident history and to raise the issue with PennDOT.

**Greenlight Go Grant Program** – Mr. Knapp noted this grant is due January 10. Mr. Sullivan stated we discussed applying for left turn signals for three intersections and to adopt the resolutions next week.

**Traffic Safety Meeting** – Mr. Knapp noted the meeting with the PennDOT consultant on November 27. Mr. Grady stated he is preparing a report.

### **PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE** (Mr. O'Connor)

**Yard Waste drop off** – Mr. Sullivan stated we are stopping drop off of yard waste at the public works garage due to resident and non-residents dropping off large and excessive items. Mr. Baker asked how we can implement going forward and Mr. Sullivan suggested we discuss with Darryl Dixon. Mr. O'Connor then gave the monthly highway report.

### **MANAGER'S REPORT** (Gary Cummings)

Mr. Cummings noted the Leiper House open house on December 15, the EAC meeting held December 3, and that there is a blood drive here on January 2<sup>nd</sup>. He also noted the Community Arts Center sale is going on and the 202 Census counts start in March.

**ADJOURNMENT** – There being no further business the meeting was adjourned while noting the Legislative meeting is December 19 and the Reorganization meeting is January 6.