

# BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS of NETHER PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP – February 11, 2021

## Virtual Meeting held via Zoom and shown on YouTube

A public meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Nether Providence Township was called to order at 7:30 PM on Thursday, February 11, 2021 via Zoom call and shown on YouTube.

### ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Commissioner Cooper  
Commissioner Garson  
Commissioner McKenzie  
Commissioner Knapp  
Commissioner King  
Commissioner O'Connor  
Commissioner Molloy

### ALSO PRESENT:

Dave Grady	Township Manager
David Fiorenza	Finance Director
Robert Scott	Solicitor
Charles Catania	Township Engineer
Chief Splain	Police Chief

Mr. Knapp chaired the meeting.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Mr. Knapp made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 28, 2021 meeting. Mr. Molloy seconded, and the motion passed 7-0.

**APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS-** Nothing to report

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Steve McAnally of 306 Dennis Lane called in to express concerns of the storm water project in Sapovits Park and Media Walk. Ms. McKenzie addressed Mr. McAnally's concerns that as a problem arose the Township Engineer would address those issues with the Media walk builders. Mr. Knapp explained that the Sapovits Park Project is separate from the construction from Media Walk Homes. Mr. McAnally again expressed concerns of future water or drainage issues. Ms. McKenzie suggested that Mr. McAnally email her with concerns or questions as the project progresses.

**SOLICITORS REPORT** – Mr. Scott had nothing to report.

**ENGINEER REPORTE-** Mr. Catania had nothing to report.

**TOWNSHIP MANAGER REPORT** – Dave Grady

Mr. Grady reported on COVID-19 Vaccinations locations and COVID testing sites, which can be found on both the Township's and the County's websites. He reported the COVID PEMA reimbursement form has been submitted and he is continuing to work on the forms. Mr. Gardy shared again information for free childcare for school age children for Delaware county residents impacted by COVID. He announced elected officials need to submit statement of financial interests. The MS4 Permit and Pollutant reduction Plan has been received and he reported the permit is good through 2023. Mr. Grady shared the report from the Leiper House. They are planning to open at some point in 2021. He thanked Angela Hewett for her dedication and work with the Leiper House. Lastly, he reported the CRC Streams cleanups will be on March 20, 2021. Once the list of streams to be cleanup are finalized, he will report back to Board.

**BUILDING AND ZONING COMMITTEE REPORT** – Max Cooper

Mr. Cooper took a moment to thank Ms. Hewett for her hard work with the Leiper House and looks forward to it re-opening. He also gave a quick update on vaccines and said the county is doing well rolling them out. He suggested that anyone offered a vaccine should take it.

Status of Media Walk development at 310 Wallingford Avenue – Mr. Cooper reported the Township has given a temporary construction easement to allow the developer to clear debris from the rear of the site on Dennis Lane.  
Escrow Release – 304 W. Rose Valley Road- A U & O certificate has been issued. The owner is asking for an escrow release of \$2,500.00. Mr. Scott will review before the escrow is released.

**FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE** – Kaitlin McKenzie

Pension Plan Summary- Ms. McKenzie reported that for the pension plan results for the Township employees and police officers were available, and she suggested that a sub-group of members meet to discuss the plan, including herself, Mr. Grady, and Mr. Fiorenza. She asked the Board to review the documents and contact her if they have any questions or comments.

Finance Update- Mr. Fiorenza shared the monthly report. He also shared the annual report and added in the goals he would like to implement for this year. He said the Board could review all the documents and contact him with questions.

Trailer Purchase- Ms. McKenzie reported the Public works Department needs to replace the paving trailer. The Public Works Director found pricing for three trailers and is seeking approval for the lowest priced option. Ms. McKenzie made a motion to approve the purchase of a trailer in the amount of \$11,690.00. Mr. Knapp seconded, and the motion passed 7-0.

**PARKS AND OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE REPORT** - Matthew Garson

DCNR Grant Round Opening Soon- Mr. Garson suggested this grant could be used for Martha Burton Park. The Board agreed. Mr. Garson then asked if he could put the final discussion for what improvements they want to make on the March meeting agenda. The grant is due April 14<sup>th</sup>.

Sapovits Park Work- Mr. Garson shared the initial plans with board. He said the storm water construction would start this summer. Mr. Catania asked the board to review the initial plan and contact him with comments so he can move to the finalized Plan. Mr. Molloy asked about improvements to the basketball courts. Mr. Grady said he can look into it.

Martha Burton park Sign- Mr. Garson asked Mr. Grady to start getting quotes for the park sign.

**PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE REPORT** – Robert O’Connor

Road Resurfacing – Mr. O’Connor suggested that they hold off until spring as the salt and plowing have made it difficult to conduct ratings on streets for the preliminary resurfacing list. Mr. Knapp asked Mr. Catania to follow up with Aqua for their 2021 plans, as their work will impact the roadways.

Streetlight Location Criteria- Mr. O’Connor brought up the possibility having a criteria list for requested streetlights. Mr. Knapp shared that as of now it is up to the Board and Mr. Catania to make the analysis and recommendations.

**COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT REPORT-** Stephanie King

Bare Root Tree Program - Ms. King reported the Bare Root Tree Program grant through the Philadelphia Horticultural Society is due February 12. The shade tree committee recommended 9 trees for Hepford Park. Ms. King made a motion to approve 9 trees at \$50.00 a tree in the application. Mr. Knapp seconded, and the motion passed 7-0.

2021 Summer Camp Status - Ms. King opened the floor for discussion about whether to have the summer camp this year. Mr. Knapp shared that there would be minimal liabilities to the Township with COVID-related issues as long as guidelines were set and enforced. Other Board members expressed they would like to see the camp happen this summer. After more discussion it was decided that the next step would be for Mr. Gardy to contact the school Board and ask if using school property would still be a possibility for the camp.

**INFRASTRUCTURE Committee REPORT** – Martin Molloy

Pine Ridge Road- Mr. Molloy reported they are continuing to evaluate options for the sewer pipe and the Township is looking into short-term fixes until they can budget for the long-term fix, which will need to be budgeted. Mr. Catania said he would continue to evaluate with Mr. Grady and the Public Works Director.

E. Rose Valley Sidewalk- Mr. Molloy reported construction should start mid-summer. Mr. Catania said they have been looking at various concerns with the residents, including stormwater drainage.

DELCORA- Mr. Catania shared the smoke test results from DELCORA. He said the findings were not concerning, and the various issues would be discussed with the appropriate residents and with SEPTA for the train station issue.

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT-** Micah Knapp

Fire Committee - Mr. Knapp invited any Commissioners to attend the Fire Committee Meeting on February 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:30 PM.

Lapidea Hills Speed Mitigation- Mr. Cooper shared options that have been presented to the residents in this area. Mr. Catania said he is reviewing options for stop signs and traffic flow. There was discussion of waiting until the Springhaven Club opens in the spring before doing further speed studies. There was discussion about other possible options for the residents and the Springhaven Club, such as closing the Springhaven Road exit from the club. Mr. Cooper asked Chief Splain if it were possible to have an officer patrol the entrance to the club after big events. Chief said it would be possible, as long as they were given notice ahead of time.

Mr. Knapp said the next meeting would be on February 25th. The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 PM.