

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS of NETHER PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP – January 13, 2022

A public meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Nether Providence Township was called to order at 7:30 PM on Thursday, January 13, 2022. Legislative Meeting

ROLL CALL

PRESENT:

Commissioner Knapp
Commissioner Garson
Commissioner McKenzie
Commissioner O'Connor
Commissioner Barnes
Commissioner Cooper
Commissioner Molloy

ALSO PRESENT:

Dave Grady	Township Manager
Robert Scott	Township Solicitor
Charles Catania	Township Engineer
Chief Splain	Police Chief

No members of the public were in attendance.

Ms. McKenzie chaired the meeting. She announced that Executive Session would be held after the meeting.

Approval of Minutes- Ms. McKenzie made a motion to approve the December 16th, 2021, minutes. Mr. Cooper seconded the motion, which passed 6-0. Ms. McKenzie made a motion to approve the December 23rd, 2021, minutes. Mr. Garson seconded the motion, which passed 6-0. Ms. McKenzie made a motion to approve the January 3rd, 2022, minutes. Mr. Garson seconded the motion, which passed 6-0.

Mr. Knapp arrived at this point.

Appointments to Boards- Ms. McKenzie made a motion to approve the reappointment & new appointments
Environmental Advisory Committee:

Bill Silverstein - reappoint
Alex Morrison – full member
Paul Jacobs – full member
Cory Salmon – full member
Krikor Panossian – full member
Michael Krauss – ad-hoc

Mr. Molloy seconded the motion, which passed 7-0.

Ms. McKenzie made a motion to approve the reappointment & new appointments

Historical Committees:

Chris Martin - reappoint
Richard Lindermann - reappoint
Chuck Cowan - full member
Geoffrey Paterson- full member
Kenneth Rose – ad-hoc

Mr. Garson seconded the motion, which passed 7-0.

Ms. McKenzie made a motion to approve the reappointment & new appointments

Parks Commission:

Caity Kennedy - reappoint

Ben Pickup - reappoint
Noah May - reappoint
Nannette Whitsett – full member
Amy Caruso – full member
Kevin Mickleberg – ad-hoc
Elizabeth Gallard – ad-hoc

Mr. Garson seconded the motion, which passed 7-0.

Ms. McKenzie made a motion to approve the reappointment & new appointments

Planning Commission:

John Dickerson - reappoint
Cory Salmon – full member

Mr. Cooper seconded the motion, which passed 7-0.

Ms. McKenzie made a motion to approve the reappointment & new appointments

Shade Tree committee:

Connor Diggins - reappoint

Mr. Molloy seconded the motion, which passed 7-0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – No public comment.

SOLICITORS REPORT – Nothing to report.

ENGINEER REPORT- Mr. Catania said his items would be covered later in the meeting.

Letter of Thanks - Ms. McKenzie noted that a letter of gratitude was given to Representative Leanne Krueger and Senator John Kane in recognition of their advocacy for the Township’s grant applications.

PARKS AND OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE REPORT – Matthew Garson

DNCR Grant award- Mr. Garson said he was happy to announce that the DCNR Grant application was approved for Martha Burton Park. He said the Township plans to start improvements, which will include playground work, in 2022.

RCAP Interim Financing Resolution – Mr. Garson made a motion to adopt Resolution 2022-1 for Gouley park wherein the Township was committing to providing interim financing in the amount of \$500,000 for the Gouley Park project. This is funding that the Township supplies until it is reimbursed by the State for the work. Ms. McKenzie seconded the motion, which passed 7-0.

Gouley Park-DCNR Grant- Mr. Garson shared the grant will fund two new playground sets at Gouley park. He asked the Board of Commissioners to review playground options for discussions in February.

Hepford Park- Mr. Garson said a state funding source has been secured for improvements to Hepford park, including playground equipment, fencing, and snack bar improvements.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT- Micah Knapp

Penn St & Markham St-one-way Road consideration- Mr. Knapp said the Township is seeking feedback from the residents in the area.

BUILDING AND ZONING COMMITTEE REPORT – Max Cooper

Marijuana Sales- Zoning locations- Mr. Cooper made a motion to authorize advertisement for a hearing for the ordinance related to the permitted zoning locations for marijuana sales. McKenzie seconded the motion, which passed 6-1. Mr. Knapp objected.

Media Walk Escrow release- Mr. Cooper made a motion to release to Progressive New Homes Escrow #14 in the amount of \$20,106.43. Charles Catania approved the release. Ms. McKenzie seconded the motion which, passed 7-0.

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE – Kaitlin McKenzie

Low Income Household Water Assistance Program LIHWAP- Ms. McKenzie said Solicitor Scott reviewed the program and had no concerns. This program would help people who are low-income and behind on sewer payments and the LIHWAP program would pay their sewer fee debt. Ms. McKenzie made a motion for the Township to participate as a vendor in the LIHWAP program. Mr. Garson seconded the motion, which passed 7-0.

COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT REPORT- Shaina Barnes

DVRPC TOP Program- Ms. Barnes said the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission's Transportation Options Program was accepting letters of interest for a grant program that would reduce the number of single occupancy vehicles on the roads. Ms. Barnes made a motion to approve a letter of interest for the Providence Road sidewalk with the DVRPC TOP Program. Mr. Molloy seconded the motion, which passed 7-0.

Bare Root Tree- Ms. McKenzie made a motion to authorize the Township to apply for up to 30 trees through the Bare Root Tree program with the Shade Tree Committee to decide where to place the trees. Mr. Knapp seconded the motion, which passed 7-0.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE REPORT – Robert O'Connor

Highway Report- Mr. O'Connor said the Public Works Department finished the leaf collection season and began Christmas tree pickup. He said Public Works and the Township may make adjustments to the leaf collection schedule in 2022.

Road Resurfacing- Mr. Cooper said he would like the Board to explore the idea of taking a loan out to implement a large-scale road resurfacing program. There was discussion about doing an initial series of very poor roads along with the roads torn up by Aqua. Mr. Cooper made a motion to authorize bids for the very poor roads list and the Aqua roads from 2021. Mr. O'Connor seconded the motion, which passed 7-0. The Board would discuss the comprehensive road program at the next meeting after more research was gathered about future Aqua projects.

County-Aid-Resolution of Acceptance- Mr. O'Connor made a motion pass resolution 2022-2 for the County Aid in the amount of \$13,000. Mr. Molloy seconded the motion, which passed 7-0.

Putnam Blvd Safety concerns Discussion- Speed humps & Lighting- Mr. O'Connor said the Township is still gathering feedback from the homeowners' associations along Putnam Boulevard with regard to the speed humps.

Avondale Guide Rail Discussion- Mr. O'Connor said the Township is still reviewing its options for the guiderail replacement.

Low-Volume Road Program Grant Award- Mr. O'Connor made a motion to approve the contract for the Low-Volume Road Program. Ms. Barnes seconded the motion, which passed, 7-0.

INFRASTRUCTURE REPEORT – Martin Molloy

Providence Road- Design Submission- RFP- Mr. Molloy said engineering design and inspection proposals are due January 26th and the Board will be ready to vote at the next meeting.

DELCORA 537 Plan- Mr. Molloy said he has consulted with the Township Engineer, and the recommendation would be to approve the plan because it is possible that the Department of Environmental Protection could require the Township to come up with its own sewage disposal 537 program if the DELCORA plan is approved. Mr. Molloy said the report is long and there are several options to consider. He said at least 12 other towns in the County have adopted the plan. It was noted that the Planning Commission reviewed the plan but did not provide a recommendation. Mr. Catania noted that the plan appears to choose the most cost-effective option. Mr. Molloy suggested waiting until the next meeting to allow for more review time.

E. Rose Valley Rd Sidewalk - Mr. Molloy made a motion to authorize advertising for construction bids for the East Rose Valley Road sidewalk. Mr. Cooper seconded the motion, which passed 7-0.

EAC Update- Mr. Molloy said the EAC has a meeting on January 26th, and he would share updates at the next Board meeting.

TOWNSHIP MANAGER REPORT -

Mr. Grady said Delaware County is continuing to offer vaccinations and testing options, and he said people can visit delcopa.gov/covid for more information. He noted the Delaware County Emergency Rental Assistance program is open for round two and more information is available at delco-era.com. He said the County Office of Services for the Aging (COSA) and the PA Department of Aging are holding a 6-week virtual program for learning and exercising to improve diabetes management on Fridays starting January 21st. For info, call 610-499-1937. He said an electronics recycling and paper-shredding event would be held on February 12th at Gouley Park from 9 AM to 1 PM. He said the CAT Club would be hosting a cleanup along Avondale Road on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. The Friends of Houston Park would be hosting a cleanup the same day at Houston Park.

Ms. McKenzie said the next meeting is a legislative meeting on January 27th. The meeting was adjourned around 9:00 PM.