

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS of NETHER PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP – March 24, 2022

A public meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Nether Providence Township was called to order at 7:30 PM on Thursday, March 24th, 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.

Mr. Garson chaired the meeting until Ms. McKenzie arrived during the Parks Committee report. He announced that Executive Session would be held before the meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – No public comment.

Approval of February 24, 2022 Minutes- Mr. Garson made a motion to approve the February 24, 2022 minutes. Mr. Cooper seconded the motion, which passed 6-0.

SOLICITORS REPORT – Nothing to report.

ENGINEER REPORT- Mr. Catania said 2022 road Resurfacing contracts will start early to mid-April.

GOVERNMENT RELATIONS REPORT- Max Cooper

WSSD – Waiver of overhead fees for WES roofing project – The school district is replacing the Wallingford Elementary School roof, and they will be applying for permits. In the past, the Township has waived the administrative portion of the building permit fees and has only required WSSD to pay for the actual inspection costs that Linn Architects (as our building code official) charges us. Mr. Cooper moved to approve the waiver of the WSSD roofing permit fees. Mr. Garson seconded the motion, which passed 6-0.

Comprehensive Planning Update- Mr. Cooper said Mr. Federico is a traffic consultant who works independently and lives in Swarthmore. Bob Linn asked Mr. Federico if he would be willing to consult for the Township during the preparation of the comprehensive plan. Mr. Federico provided a proposal of \$6,000 plus \$150 for any public meetings. He also said the budget does have funding available that was meant to cover the comprehensive plan and/or the Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) for the Providence Rd sidewalk. Mr. Cooper made a Motion to Appoint Albert Federico as a traffic consultant in the proposed amount of \$6,000 plus \$150 for meetings. Mr. Garson seconded the motion, which passed 6-0.

PARKS AND OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE REPORT – Matthew Garson

Gouley Park Playground – Parks Commission Meeting- Mr. Garson said the Parks Commission has been considering two playground options for the Gouley Park playgrounds, and they have been soliciting feedback from people in the area. The Parks Commission will make a recommendation to the Board at their April 11th meeting.

Martha Burton Park Consultant- Mr. Garson said a Michael Wagoner of PPM Design, as a landscape architect, had consulted with the Township during the DCNR grant application for the Martha Burton Park project, and the Progressive New Homes Developer had donated his time. The grant has been awarded, the neighborhood representatives thought it made sense to have Mr. Wagoner continue assisting in the design. His rate is \$65/hour. Mr. Garson made a motion to approve Mr. Wagoner of PPM Design be retained as a consultant for the Martha Burton Park Project. Mr. Knapp seconded the motion, which passed 7-0.

DELCO Green Ways- County Request for funding reallocation- Mr. Garson said the Board made a request to Delaware County Council to see if the funding that had been allocated for the New Jersey Avenue property acquisition could be reallocated to complete Phase II of Furness Park. Since the New Jersey Avenue property is being sold, the Township would like to be able to put the grant funding to good use. The Board is hoping County Council will allow the reallocation. No action needed, just informational at this point.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT- Micah Knapp

Penn Street One-way- Update- Mr. Knapp said the Penn Street one-way feedback is being tallied. He noted there are some people who are strongly opposed to making the road one-way

COMMUNITY, HEALTH, AND ENVIRONMENT REPORT- Shaina Barnes

CRC Stream Cleanups in March- Ms. Barnes said the Chester Ridley Crum Watersheds Association is seeking enthusiastic volunteers for its 24th Annual CRC Streams Cleanup on March 26, 2022, from 9:00 to 11:30 am at more than 30 sites throughout local watersheds in Delaware and Chester counties. Cleanups are being held at Leiper Park and Smedley Park within the Township.

DVRPC TOP – Furness Park Phase II – Ms. Barnes noted that in a past meeting, the Township had applied to the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission’s Transportation Options Program (TOP) for Furness Park Phase II. Mr. Catania and Mr. Grady have had conversations with the DVRPC who seems to like the project, but they have noted that the project costs will need to be administered by PennDOT through the ECMS program, which means that costs will be increased. It is estimated that project costs could increase by 25%, although the Township would only need to fund the design costs, which are estimated at \$65,000. The DVRPC was going to need an answer on the day after this meeting as to whether the Board would be willing to cover the design costs in 2022. This would not be needed if the County is willing to reallocate the funding from the Green Ways Program. Ms. Barnes made a motion to withdraw the Township’s application from the DVRPC’s Travel Options Program. Ms. McKenzie seconded, and the motion passed 7-0.

2022 Summer Camp Registration Open – just informational – the Township’s 2022 summer camp registration is open. The cost is \$295 per child, and it covers the five-week, half day camp from the end of June to the end of July. Also, camp counselors are needed, and you must be 16 years old to apply.

Refuse Committee – EAC- Mr. Molloy said he is asking the Board to form a committee to discuss trash, recycling, and yard waste for the Township. Mr. Molly moved to create a refuse committee to look at how the Township handles trash, recycling, and yard waste. Mr. O’Connor seconded, and the motion passed 7-0.

INFRASTRUCTURE AND PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE REPORT – Robert O’Connor

Public Works Garage- Mechanic Bay Structure Issues - Mr. O’Connor said the Township is engaging Linn Architects to design plans for the Public Works Garage. The Township applied for grant funding through the Local Share Account grant program, and the cost estimate was just under \$500,000. This application included a five-bay garage addition to replace the two-bay garage that needs to be demolished. As the design progresses, the Township will need to determine how to fund this project (ARPA funds, fund balance, loan) as the Township probably should not assume that the grant funding will be successful. Reducing the bays from five to four could have cost savings, but not significantly. Ms. McKenzie suggesting waiting until the April 21st meeting to discuss along with the ARPA funds.

E. Possum Hollow Sidewalk- Mr. O’Connor said the E. Possum Hollow sidewalk project began this week, and during construction, there will be a one-way detour in which traffic can only travel eastbound towards the train station.

E. Rose Valley Rd Sidewalk- Mr. O’Connor said Premier Contracting is the low bidder, and the project is expected to begin in mid-April. A mailing has gone out to residents in the area to let them know that the sidewalk project will begin in mid-April and continue through September.

BUILDING AND ZONING COMMITTEE REPORT – Marty Molloy

Media Walk Escrow Release #15 request- Mr. Molloy said after Mr. Catania has reviewed the escrow release, he recommended its approval. Mr. Molloy made a motion to approve the escrow release in the amount of \$26,197.53 to Progressive New Homes for the Media Walk project. Mr. Knapp seconded the motion, which passed 7-0.

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE – Kaitlin McKenzie

ARPA Meeting April 21st- She shared information about holding a meeting on Thursday, April 21st at 7:45 to discuss the ARPA funds usage.

Bills List- Ms. McKenzie highlighted several items in the bills list, and then she made a motion to approve the Bills list in the amounts of:

A/P Bills List: \$136,293.70

A/P Interims: \$60,791.89

P-Card: \$25,269.67

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

TOWNSHIP MANAGER REPORT -

Mr. Grady said the CAT Club would be holding a cleanup event on March 26th starting at Medbury Road at 9:00 AM. The South Media Fire Company Food Truck Fridays start April 1st, 5-8 PM. The Shade Tree Committee is holding a planting event on April 23rd at Furness Park. The Township is exploring possible movie nights during the summer at two different park locations. The Pennsylvania Resources Council will be hosting its annual “E-Waste” event at Rose Tree Park on Tuesday, May 10th from 9 AM – 1 PM. Mr. Grady shared several cyber security anti-phishing best practices from Chester Water Authority.

Ms. McKenzie said the next meeting is a workshop meeting April 14th. The meeting was adjourned around 9:00 PM.