

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS of NETHER PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP – April 28, 2022

A public meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Nether Providence Township was called to order at 7:30 PM on Thursday, April 28, 2022. Legislative Meeting

ROLL CALL

PRESENT:

Commissioner Knapp
Commissioner McKenzie
Commissioner Barnes
Commissioner Cooper
Commissioner Molloy

Excused: Commissioner Garson
Commissioner O'Connor

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 Minutes for March 10th. Mr. Knapp seconded the motion which, passed 5-0. Ms. McKenzie made a motion to approve the Minutes for March 24th. Mr. Knapp seconded the motion, which passed 5-0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – No public comment.

Recognition of South Media Fire Company's 100th anniversary- Ms. McKenzie congratulated South Media Fire Company on 100 years of service to our community. She thanked them for their many years of dedicated service.

SOLICITORS REPORT – Mr. Scott had nothing to report.

ENGINEER REPORT- Mr. Catania said Delaware County was doing an update to the model stormwater ordinance, and he would have updates soon.

GOVERNMENT RELATIONS REPORT- Max Cooper

DCED's WRPP, GTRP Programs open- Mr. Cooper said these grant opportunities are for the Greenways, Trails, and Recreation Program, which has been used for Furness Park trails in the past, and the Watershed Restoration Program. He said they are due May 31st and have a 15% match. American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds could be used as a match.

PARKS AND OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE REPORT – Kaitlin McKenzie

Gouley Park Playground- Ms. McKenzie said the Parks Commission reviewed the playground options, solicited feedback from the public, and polled the elementary schools. The playground with the description ending in 562-1 was determined to be the preferred option. Ms. McKenzie made a motion to approve the purchase of the playground ending in 562-1 in the amount of \$111,803. Mr. Knapp seconded the motion, which passed 5-0.

Soccer Grant App- Ms. McKenzie said the Nether United Soccer Association asked if the Township would be willing to support their grant application as a non-paying partner. They are also considering applying for the GTRP grant for

improvements to the soccer field. Ms. McKenzie made a motion to authorize Mr. Grady apply for the grant application on behalf of Nether Soccer Association. Mr. Knapp seconded the motion, which passed 5-0.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT- Micah Knapp

Approval of Volunteer Firefighter informational- Mr. Knapp said the Township has a tax rebate program that allows for a 20% tax rebate for active volunteer firefighters in the Township. He said the rebate approvals would be granted at an upcoming meeting.

Automated Red-Light Enforcement (ARLE) Program – Turner/Baltimore Intersection –Mr. Knapp said the grant funding through the ARLE Funding Program may be utilized for a range of safety and mobility projects, which could include traffic signal installations, new guiderails, and pedestrian crossings. There is no match requirement. He noted there had been discussion about adding a traffic signal at Turner Road and Baltimore Pike in the past, but PennDOT had said it was not in favor of the project as it thinks the problem can be solved by banning left turns from Turner Road onto Baltimore Pike. The Township’s concern is that it would send traffic into the Grandview neighborhood. Additionally, the right turn from Turner Road onto Baltimore Pike is difficult too, due to the speeds and hill on Baltimore Pike. He said the grant deadline is June 30th. Mr. Knapp and the Board asked Mr. Grady to proceed with moving forward to apply for the grant.

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE – Kaitlin McKenzie

\$500K Road Resurfacing Loan Ordinance – Ms. McKenzie said the loan for the road resurfacing. The rate would be locked tomorrow or Monday if the ordinance is adopted, and the rate was currently just under 3%. Ms. McKenzie made a motion to adopt ordinance number 837 for a loan in the amount of \$500,000 from the Delaware Valley Regional Financing Authority for the road resurfacing program with an interest rate not to exceed 15%. Mr. Cooper seconded the motion, which passed 5-0.

Single Audit- Moore Road sidewalk- Ms. McKenzie said that since the Township received more than \$750,000 in federal funding in 2020, the Township was required to have a “single audit” performed, which is more involved than the normal financial audit. Originally, the single audit was to be focused on the Moore Road sidewalk project, but once the Township realized that two other smaller federal funding sources were used, the scope of the audit had to be expanded to all government operations. Ms. McKenzie made a motion to approve the fee from Bee Bergvall not to exceed \$8,500. Mr. Molloy seconded the motion, which passed 5-0.

Sewer Rent Reduction Request – Ms. McKenzie said the owner of 106 Chesley has asked for a reduction in the number of sewer units based on the vacant occupancy of the building. The fee is one unit (\$642) for every four employees. He’s asking for a reduction from 14 to 1 as his building is unoccupied now. In 2021, the fee was reduced to one unit. Mr. Scott suggested the Township ask for copies of the water bill to verify the building’s vacancy before granting the reduction.

Representative Krueger Presentation of Hepford Park Check- State Representative Leanne Krueger presented a check in the amount of \$148,600 for playground equipment at Hepford Park. Ms. McKenzie and the Board thanked Representative Krueger for her assistance in obtaining the grant funding.

Finance Committee continued

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

Procurement Card List - \$31,864.12
A/P Interim Funds - \$88,798.48
A/P Bills List - \$538,323.23

Mr. Molloy seconded the motion, which passed 5-0.

COMMUNITY, HEALTH, AND ENVIRONMENT REPORT- Shaina Barnes

2022 Summer Camp Registration Open –Informational- Ms. Barnes said summer camp registration is open and will be until the start of camp. The fee is \$295 and covers all five weeks of camp. Camp is Monday-Friday from 8:30 AM to noon.

EAC Update- Ms. Barnes said at the last meeting a “refuse committee” was formed to discuss waste and recycling options for the Township. Ms. Barnes said the EAC would like to propose a plastic bag ban. The Board asked Mr.

Grady to reach out to Acme again and have discussions with them before adopting an ordinance. Mr. Grady agreed to do so, and he noted that past attempts to discuss with Acme were not successful.

INFRASTRUCTURE AND PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE REPORT – Kaitlin McKenzie

Road Resurfacing Change Order – Georgetown Road- MS. McKenzie said there was about 75 feet of extra paving available along Georgetown Road, which was used to extend another block of Georgetown’s paving to the intersection with School Lane, which badly needed paving. The 75 feet was only enough for a portion of the block, and since Atlanta Court’s paving was removed from the contract, as it will be repaved with the CDBG funding next year, that funding could cover the extra section that was needed. Ms. McKenzie made a motion to approve change order for road resurfacing. Mr. Molloy seconded the motion, which passed 5-0.

E Rose Valley Rd Sidewalk- Ms. McKenzie made a motion to appoint Catania Engineering to perform the engineering inspection for the E Rose Valley Road Sidewalk. Mr. Molloy seconded the motion, which passed 5-0.

BUILDING AND ZONING COMMITTEE REPORT – Marty Molloy

Media Walk Escrow Release #16 Request – Mr. Molloy made a motion to release escrow #16 as Mr. Catania has reviewed and recommended the release of the escrow #16 in the amount of \$43,939.98 to Progressive New Homes for the Media Walk Development. Ms. McKenzie seconded the motion, which passed 5-0.

TOWNSHIP MANAGER REPORT -

Mr. Grady said the Leiper House is Reopening, starting the weekend of Mother’s Day May 7 & 8 on weekends through December. He thanked the CAT club for their clean ups all throughout the month of April and said to keep checking the township Facebook page for upcoming clean ups in May. South Media Fire Company Food Truck Fridays are starting up again on May 6th. He said there is a bulk trash drop off event on May 7th at SMFC and Public Works Garage. He said another bulk trash event at the end of the summer will be held at Hepford Park. He said that that April is 811 Safe Digging Month and reminded everyone to call 811 before you dig.

Ms. McKenzie said the next meeting is a workshop meeting May 12th. The meeting was adjourned around 9:00 PM.