

## **BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS of NETHER PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP – January 12, 2023**

A public meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Nether Providence Township was called to order at 7:30 PM on Thursday, January 12, 2023. Legislative Meeting.

### **ROLL CALL**

#### **PRESENT:**

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

#### **ALSO PRESENT:**

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

Excused: Commissioner McKenzie & Commissioner Cooper

There were no members of the public in the audience.

Mr. Garson chaired the meeting. He announced that Executive Session would be held after.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT: NONE**

**Approval of Minutes** – Mr. Garson made a motion to approve the minutes from December 8, 2022. Ms. Barnes seconded the motion, which passed 4-0. Mr. Garson made a motion to approve the minutes from December 22, 2023. Mr. Molloy seconded the motion, which passed 4-0.

**Vacancy Board Appointment**- Mr. Garson asked the Board to be thinking of someone to appoint to be the Chair of the Vacancy Board, which is needed in case of a vacancy in a Commissioner role where someone is needed to break a tie in the vote for appointment of the replacement Commissioner.

**Emergency Management Coordinator Appointment**- Mr. Garson made a motion to re-appoint Patrick O'Rourke as the Emergency Management Coordinator. Mr. Molloy seconded the motion, which passed 4-0.

**Appointments to Boards and Commissions** –Mr. Garson said there is a Zoning Hearing Board opening which will be appointed at a future meeting. He said the CDCA needs a Township resident on their Board since Christine Reuther's term had ended, and she did not ask to be reappointed. He said the appointment occurred in December, but the CDCA solicitor noted it needed to happen after the completion of Ms. Reuther's term in January of 2023. Mr. Garson made the motion to appoint Cory Salmon. Mr. Molloy seconded the motion, which passed 4-0.

#### **SOLICITORS REPORT** – None

**ENGINEER REPORT**- Submitted report and will be covered later in meeting.

#### **Government Relations** – Matt Garson

**PECO Tree Work** – Mr. Garson said the Township has not received any updates regarding the "reliability" projects that PECO has planned. It should be noted that PECO's contractor, Asplundh, is planning to begin tree trimming, unrelated

to the reliability projects, in several areas of the Township this month. Asplundh will need to apply for contractor licensing with information about which trees will be trimmed. They have not done that yet.

**Infrastructure and Public Works Committee** -Robert O'Connor

Public Right-of-Way Access for Utilities Ordinance Consideration – Solicitor Scott said he drafted the ordinance and made the changes regarding stormwater management reviews. This ordinance will add standards for managing drainage of stormwater in connection with excavations occurring in public streets, sidewalks and rights of way. Mr. O'Connor made a motion to advertise the ordinance for public Right of Ways for utility companies. Mr. Molloy Seconded the motion, which passed 4-0.

Small Wireless Facilities Motion to Advertise Ordinance – Mr. O'Connor said the Planning Commission and the Zoning Officer prepared and reviewed the ordinance. This ordinance sets design standards for small wireless facilities on the top of utility poles. The Township cannot ban small wireless facilities, but state code allows for the regulation of their design. Mr. O'Connor made a motion to advertise an ordinance for amending the Small Wireless Facilities ordinance of the Township by adding design standards for small wireless support structures. Mr. Garson seconded the motion, which passed 5-0.

Motion to Approve County Aid Resolution – Mr. O'Connor made a motion to approve resolution 2023-1 which will allow for the application to the County for state aid in the amount of \$15,174.00 for road resurfacing. Mr. Molloy seconded the motion, which passed 5-0.

**Parks and Open Space Committee** -Matt Garson

Hepford Baseball Field Work – Mr. Garson said work has begun to regrade the baseball diamond in the northwest corner of the park. Sod will be applied to the infield after the regrading is completed.

**Public Safety Committee** -Micah Knapp

Vernon Street – Speed Hump Requests – Mr. Knapp said surveys were sent out this week to the residents along Vernon Street to gauge interest in the installation of speed humps.

Consideration for multi-way stop at Bickmore Drive and Scott Lane – Mr. Knapp said the Township Engineer reviewed the intersection and determined that a multi-way stop would be warranted. Mr. Knapp made a motion to advertise a three-way stop at Bickmore and Scott Lane. Mr. Molloy seconded the motion, which passed 5-0.

Consideration for multi-way stop at Pennsylvania Ave and New Jersey Ave – Mr. Knapp said the Township Engineer reviewed the intersections of Pennsylvania and New Jersey Avenue and determined that a multi-way stop would be warranted. He also reviewed the intersection of Pennsylvania Avenue, New Jersey Avenue, and Madison Court. Mr. Knapp made motion to advertise the multi-way stop sign at Pennsylvania and New Jersey Avenue and Madison Court. Mr. Garson seconded the motion, which passed 5-0.

**Finance and Administration Committee** -Matthew Garson

Motion to Approve Resolution - Document Destruction per PA Retention Code – Mr. Garson made a motion to pass resolution 2023-2 for the Disposition of Records, which included:

- 2001 employee benefit plans
- 2010-2012 checks, electronic billing, and other billing records
- 2010 leads information
- 2012-2013 workers Comp files, bank statements, liquid fuels files, and price contracts
- 2013 payroll records and pension information
- 2013-2014 timesheets, payroll, budget documents, duplicate audit reports, and account statements

Mr. Knapp second the motion, which passed 5-0.

**Community, Health, and Environment Report** - Shaina Barnes

Electric Vehicle Charging Station Grant Opportunity – Ms. Barnes said the Township is reviewing a potential grant opportunity to apply for electric vehicle charging stations. Mr. Grady said the Environmental Advisory Committee is exploring this along with potential locations along Baltimore Pike.

**Building and Zoning Committee Report** -Marty Molloy

Zoning Hearing Board Agenda – Mr. Molloy said there were no zoning matters on the agenda except for the appointment of a new Zoning Solicitor. The Zoning Hearing Board appointed Adam Fernandez as the new Zoning Solicitor.

**TOWNSHIP MANAGER REPORT** – David Grady

Mr. Grady said Delco Parks open house for the former Don Guanella site January 14<sup>th</sup> at Cardinal O’Hara High School. He said there will be Christmas tree collections until January 31<sup>st</sup>. He said the 2023 Delaware County Household Hazardous Waste Event schedule is available on the Township website. He said the Helen Kate Furness Free Library had talked to him about applying for a grant to install 18 story-walk stations in Furness Park. Mr. Garson made a motion to approve the library’s request to locate the story-walk display in Furness park with locations within the park to be determined in consultation with Township staff. Mr. Knapp seconded the motion, which passed 5-0. Mr. Grady said the public works department has been assisting the library in small maintenance projects to help cut costs for the library.

Mr. Garson said the next meeting is on January 26, 2023. The meeting was adjourned around 8:00 PM.