

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS of NETHER PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP – March 28, 2024

A public meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Nether Providence Township was called to order at 7:30 PM on Thursday, March 28, 2024—Legislative Meeting.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT:

Commissioner McKenzie
Commissioner Cooper
Commissioner Barnes
Commissioner O'Connor
Commissioner Carbone

ALSO PRESENT:

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

EXCUSED:

Commissioner Garson
Commissioner Henry

3 members of the public were in attendance.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

Committee Openings- Parks, Shade Tree, and EAC – Mrs. McKenzie said there were openings on the Parks Commission, Shade Tree Commission, and Environmental Advisory Commission.

Approval of Minutes – Mr. Cooper motioned to approve the minutes of the March 14, 2024 meeting. Mrs. Barnes seconded the motion, which passed 4-0 with Mrs. McKenzie abstaining.

SOLICITORS REPORT – None

ENGINEER REPORT- None

Government Relations Report- Max Cooper

Leiper Smedley Trail Extension Feasibility Study Request for Proposals – Mr. Cooper said the Township has begun soliciting proposals for the engineering analysis and feasibility study for the potential extension of the Leiper Smedley Trail south to the East Coast Greenway network off Route 291. Proposals will be accepted until April 14th. Anyone with questions can contact Maureen Feyas.

Parks & Open Space Committee- Kait McKenzie

Furness Park Phase II Bids Received – Ms. McKenzie said the Township received three bids for Phase II of the Furness Park trail, which is planned to extend to Knoll Road. The low bidder, for the base bid, was Depaul and Company, Inc. at \$444,420. The Township has received three grants, totaling \$301,000 for the project. The Township Engineer and Mr. Grady believe there are a few elements that can be removed to reduce the cost by \$60,000, which would make the cost about \$85,000 over the available funding. The Board discussed reallocating American Rescue

Plan Act Funding from the Henry Lane Project to cover this cost, and the funding for Henry Lane can be determined as part of the 2025 budget process, especially since that project will not be fully designed and ready to implement until 2025. Ms. McKenzie made a motion to accept the low bid from Depaul and Company, Inc. at \$444,420. Mr. Cooper seconded the motion, which passed 5-0.

Furness – Kudzu Removal – She said the Township, along with ArcheWild Environmental, will be hosting a kudzu removal event on April 20th at 9 AM. Volunteers are needed to assist with the removal. A Sign-Up Genius will go out for it.

DCNR Grant Application Resolution – Bamboo Removal in Furness Park – She said Furness Park has a problem with the spreading of bamboo, which is invasive and difficult to remove. Last year, ArcheWild Environmental provided a plan to remove the bamboo from the park. There is consideration towards applying for funding for the bamboo remediation. The Township would need to pay 50% of the cost. Ms. McKenzie made a motion to apply for a DNCR grant for Bamboo removal in Furness Park. Mrs. Barnes seconded the motion, which passed.

Gouley Park – Consideration of Approval of Turf Proposal – Ms. McKenzie said the Nether United Soccer and Swarthmore Recreation Association (SRA) have each agreed to contribute funding, along with the state's RACP funding of \$170,000 to construct a turf field at Gouley Park. Elite Sports Construction was the low bidder at \$398,972. Ms. McKenzie made a motion to accept the quote from Elite Sports Construction for \$398,972 conditional upon the Township, Nether United Soccer, and SRA signing the agreement. Mr. Cooper seconded the motion, which passed 5-0.

Public Safety Committee Report – Kait McKenzie

Multimodal Transportation Fund Grant Award – She said regarding Pedestrian Crossings near WES – the Township was awarded over \$208,000 through the Multimodal Transportation Fund to install pedestrian crossing improvements, such as rapid flashing beacons, near Wallingford Elementary School. The Township had applied for \$452,000 for crossings at Kershaw/Brookhaven and at Chatham Place/Providence, so the Board may have to consider doing only one of the crossings. Ms. McKenzie said the Board would discuss at the next meeting when more Commissioners will be in attendance.

Finance and Administration – Kait McKenzie

Bills List- Ms. McKenzie made a motion to approve the Bills list in the amount of:

AP Interims List - \$400,722.68

A/P Procurement Card –\$34,915.07

A/P Bills List – \$166,191.97

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

Community, Health, and Environment Report – Shaina Barnes

Summer Camp Registration Beginning – Ms. Barnes said the 2024 summer camp registration has begun. The cost is \$295 for the entire five-week program. Registration forms are on the website and at the Township building.

Infrastructure and Public Works Committee – Mr. O'Connor

CDBG Paving Bids Received – Request for Additional Funding for Additional Roads – Mr. O'Connor said the Township received bids for the Community Development Block Grant paving project in Garden City Manor. The bids came in favorably, with A.F. Damon Inc., as the low bidder. The Township proposed adding several contiguous sections of New Jersey Avenue. Mr. Grady said the Delaware County Office of Housing and Community Development confirmed it can cover the additional costs, which increases the grant amount from \$150,000 to \$157,644. Mr. O'Connor made a motion to accept the bid from A.F. Damon Inc, as the low bidder for the total grant amount of \$157,644. Ms. McKenzie seconded the motion, which passed 5-0.

Township Paving Program Update – He said the Township's paving program will begin in the next couple of weeks. The Township is awaiting the County Aid approval and the subsequent PennDOT approval before proceeding.

Building and Zoning Committee Report- Kait McKenzie

205 Chestnut Parkway; 414 New Jersey Avenue; 927 S. Providence – Subdivisions at Planning Commission

- Continued - Application of Soma Gopala Rao Paravate 927 South Providence Rd, Proposed subdivision of existing lot into additional two additional lots.
- Application of Eske Development, 414 New Jersey Ave. Existing is a vacant lot with remnants of a parking area. Proposed is 10 single-family semi-detached houses and 1 single detached house.

- Swan Real Estate Investments, LLC, 205 Chestnut Parkway, Proposed subdivision of an existing parcel of land into 2 lots for single-family dwellings. The existing house on lot 1 is to remain.

TOWNSHIP MANAGER REPORT – David Grady

Mr. Grady said there is a Bulk Trash Event on Saturday at South Media Fire Company and Hepford Park. He said there is an upcoming Household Hazardous Waste Event at the Emergency Services Training Center in Sharon Hill and registration is required. He said there is a Bird Town Event on April 20th in Houston Park for a Bird walk starting at 8:00 am, which will be right before the kudzu clean up at Furness Park at 9:00 AM. The Public Works Department garage is open for yard waste this Saturday from 8 AM to noon. Helen Kate Furness Free Library is starting food truck Fridays again 5:30-7:30 PM, and Jazz and on the stacks is on April 18th 7-9 PM. A big “Thank you” to the PWD and John Ellis, Jim Boyer, Nick Navarro, Ryan Smith, Will Smith, and Justin Bevan for repairing the Fitzpatrick/Morris Storm drain. It took them only two days which saved Township resources. Thanks to Darren Jackson, Steve G., and Darryl Jr. Dixon who handled other work while the project was planned and executed. Thank you to our Police department and especially Chief Splain for all the hard work and preparation for President Biden’s visit to Strath Haven Middle School. Lastly, thank you to John Kalwaic for helping with camp registration and a large mailing for zoning.

Ms. McKenzie said the next meeting is on April 11th, 2024. The meeting was adjourned around 8:15 PM.