

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS of NETHER PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP – November 14, 2024

A public meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Nether Providence Township was called to order at 7:30 PM on Thursday, November 14, 2024—Committee Meeting.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT:

Commissioner Barnes
Commissioner McKenzie
Commissioner Carbone
Commissioner O’Connor
Commissioner Henry
Commissioner Cooper

ALSO PRESENT:

Dave Splain	Police Chief
Maureen Feyas	Township Manager
Robert Scott	Township Solicitor

EXCUSED: Commissioner Garson

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:

Presentation by TPD for the Leiper Trail Extension Study

Ben Guthrie- Project Manager at TPD: Update on Leiper Smedley trail extension. He said a feasibility study is being done to build upon the County’s 2025 County wide Greenway plan. He wants to make sure wherever the trail connection is shown to end in this study, matches the County’s long-term goals for extensions in the future. He said the scope of work is to identify alignment from the southern extension which is about 1 to 1.5 miles and updates of existing trails and plans future extensions. They did an existing facilities analysis already. Now they want to ask the community how they are using this trail and surrounding trails. They have prepared an online survey, which will be made public next week.

Committee Openings- Parks, Shade Tree, and Planning Commission

Approval of Minutes- Will approve next meeting.

SOLICITORS REPORT – None

ENGINEER REPORT- Charles noted that the Emerald Lan design is complete, PADOT permit application comments were received. We need to coordinate SEPTA requirements.

Government Relations Report- Max Cooper

Delcora Smoke Testing- Mr. Cooper said DELCORA will be conducting a smoke test of it’s sanitary sewer system. Crews will be in the area November 18 – 22 and the 25th from 8am – 3pm. The smoke you see coming from manholes, vent stacks on or at houses, and holes in the ground is non-toxic, non-staining, and odorless. It is white to grey in color and creates NO FIRE HAZARD.

PECO work of Waterville Rd – Mr. Coper said PECO will be along Waterville Rd doing some tree trimming work over the next few weeks. They will be preparing for future work in December which will include telephone pole replacements.

Parks & Open Space Committee- Beth Henry

Turf field rental and fee- Mrs. Henry shared a quick update of what things are being discussed for the rental application. She said discussion was had of allowing outside organizations to use Township Fields and Boards input on what is an outside organization as examples.

Update on Sapovits Park project - she said the Township is preparing to reseal the multipurpose court. This is a three-step project and will take a week or two to complete.

Update on Gouley Park- She said progress is coming along. Anticipate the cameras to go in next week. Public Works will be back to do the final installation of the netting.

Update on Furness Park trail/bridge- Mrs. Henry said they are still waiting for the PADEP permit for the bridge. DePaul & Co have been onsite doing prep work for the bridge.

Public Safety Committee Report – Matthew Garson

None

Finance and Administration Committee Report by Kait McKenzie

Budget Update- She said as of now looking at a 3.94% tax increase. Still waiting for our assessment number from the County. Recycling numbers are set. For the sewer rent fee, we received our numbers from CDCA we are still waiting to hear from DECLORA.

Community, Health, and Environment Report – Shaina Barnes

Curbside leaf collection- Mrs. Barnes said the trucks are running about 2 days behind schedule. With the dry conditions the trucks are having to return to the garage every 1 ½ - 2 hours to clean the filters. We will be around to get everyone leaves.

Extreme Dry Weather notice from Fire Marshal- She said the Fire Marshal has issued a No Open Burning Ban due to extreme dry weather conditions, effective until further notice. This includes prohibitions on fire pits, outdoor fireplaces, chimineas, and similar outdoor fire use. Please ensure compliance with this restriction to help prevent fire hazards.

Infrastructure and Public Works Committee – Robert O’Connor

Henry Lane Bid Opening results- Mr. O’Connor said the Township received 13 bids and the lowest bid was from N Abbonizio Inc in the amount of \$558,535.00. The H2O Pa grant covers \$450,225. There was \$157,302 in ARPA funds allocated for this project. This grant contract is from December 19, 2023 – September 30, 2026. Will discuss at next meeting.

Building and Zoning Committee Report- Candice Carbone

Zoning & Hearing- The Planning Commission will be meeting on Monday December 2nd to hear the application of Pendle Hill, 338 Plush Mill Rd for a proposed lot line revision. Plans are available at the Township Building.

TOWNSHIP MANAGER REPORT – Maureen Feyas

Ms. Feyas said Garen City fire Company is hosting a Red Cross blood drive on December 26th from 9am-7pm. You can sign up to give at red.blood.org.

Ms. McKenzie said the next meeting is on November 21st, 2024. The meeting was adjourned around 8:15 PM.