

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS of NETHER PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP – December 12, 2024**

A public meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Nether Providence Township was called to order at 7:30 PM on Thursday, December 12, 2024—Committee Meeting.

**ROLL CALL**

**PRESENT:**

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

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Caity Kennedy	Assistant Township Manager
Robert Scott	Township Solicitor
Charles Catania	Township Engineer

**EXCUSED:** Commissioner Henry  
Chief Splain

1 member of the public was 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 Planning Commission**

**Approval of Minutes-** Ms. McKenzie motioned to approve the 10/24 minutes. Mr. Garson seconded the motion which passed 6-0, pending the correction of reference to Commissioner Garson as “she” in “Mr. Garson chaired the meeting. She announced that the Executive Session would be held after the public meeting.” Ms. McKenzie made a motion to approve the 11/14 minutes. Mr. Garson Seconded the motion which, passed 6-0. Ms. McKenzie made a motion to approve the 11/21 minutes. Mr. Garson seconded the motion which passed 6-0, pending the correction of the spelling of Commissioner Cooper’s name in “PECO work of Waterville Rd – Mr. Cooper 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.”

**SOLICITORS REPORT** – None

**ENGINEER REPORT-** None

**Government Relations Report-** Max Cooper

Public Comment for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)- Commissioner Cooper discussed the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and potential projects at Hepford Park that were then outlined by Mr. Catania.

Discussion of Community Development Block Grant projects- He said the only eligible area for the Community Development Block Grant is the Garden City area. Over the year we have successfully repaved all of the roads in the grant area. This year we are proposing to do some improvements at Hepford Park, this would include parking lot improvements, baseball field improvements as well as improvements to the concession stand. Commissioners McKenzie and Barnes noted concerns about lack of available parking and overflow into neighborhood streets to be considered when finalizing the project proposal. A resolution

will be voted on at the 12/19 meeting to apply for the 2025 Community Development Block Grant.

**Parks & Open Space Committee-** Kait McKenzie

Update on Parks Projects – She said we have received an extension on the Sapovits Park improvements. The public works department has installed the new swing set and the rain garden. They will continue with the project in 2025 when the weather is warmer.

**Public Safety Committee Report** – Matthew Garson

None

**Building and Zoning Committee Report-** Candice Carbone

Resolution to approve a lot line revision plan of Justin Stopford for parcels located at 5 & 10 Allen St – Ms. Carbone said this application has been reviewed by the Township Planning Commission, Delaware County Planning Commission as well as the Township Engineer. The application is recommended for approval with the conditions outlined in resolution 2024-22 stating granting preliminary/final minor subdivision plan approval for the proposed lot line revision plan of just-in-stop ford for parcels located at 5 Allen Street and 10 Allen Street in nether providence township. Ms. McKenzie seconded the motion which passed 6-0.

Zoning Hearing Board Meeting Monday, December 16<sup>th</sup>

- 903 Winding Lane – requesting several variances in order to construct and addition
- 300 Beech Rd – requesting a variance to construct a addition in the rear yard setback
- 600 South Providence Rd (Springhaven Club) – Requesting a variance to permit a fence to be constructed at a height of 8 feet in lieu of the maximum allowable height of 6 feet.

**Finance and Administration Committee Report** by Kait McKenzie

Discussion of the 2024 Township Budget- Mrs. Kennedy highlighted items from the draft budget. Revenue didn't change much from last year. More the expenses changed as discussed in the earlier meetings. The majority of expenses come from the Public Works Department and the Police Department. She said the budget is at a millage rate of 3.59 which translates into a tax increase of 3.91%. Adopting the budget at next meeting.

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

End of Curbside leaf collection – She said the public works department is doing their last round of leaf collection. They will be finishing up next week, if your leaves are not out by Monday you will have to bag the leaves and schedule a pickup for the second Tuesday in January, residents may call 610-566-4516 to get put on the pick-up list.

Extreme Dry Weather notice from Fire Marshal has been lifted on December 5<sup>th</sup>

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

None

**TOWNSHIP MANAGER REPORT** – Caity Kennedy

Ms. Kennedy said Garden City Fire Company is hosting a Red Cross blood drive on December 26<sup>th</sup> from 9 am-7 pm. You can sign up to give at red.blood.org.

Ms. McKenzie said the next meeting is on December 19th, 2024. The meeting was adjourned around 8:00 PM.