

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS of NETHER PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP – January 9th, 2025

A public meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Nether Providence Township was called to order at 7:30 PM on Thursday, January 9th, 2025.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT:

Commissioner Garson
Commissioner McKenzie
Commissioner O'Connor
Commissioner Cooper
Commissioner Barnes
Commissioner Henry

ALSO PRESENT:

Maureen Feyas	Township Manager
Charles Catania	Township Engineer
Megan Burns	Filling for Township Solicitor
Chief Splain	Police Chief

EXCUSED: Commissioner Carbone

10 members of the public was in attendance.

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

Presentation from Scout Maxim Kurchan Boy Scout Troop 605-

Gouley Park Project Proposal- Building stairs from the upper parking lot down to the turf field, installing benches overlooking the field from the hill, and Planting trees behind the turf field. The board approved the project.

Promotion of Officer Worrell- Chief Splain:

Announced the promotion of Officer Michael Worrell to the rank of Sergeant. District Justice Gallard came forward and swore in Sergeant Worrell.

PUBLIC COMMENT: NONE

Committee Openings- Parks, Shade Tree, and Planning Commission. Interested parties will be added in January Ms. McKenzie made a motion to appoint Paul Fritz to the Planning Commission. Mr. Garson seconded the motion which passed 5-0.

Approval of Minutes- Ms. McKenzie made a motion to approve the December 12, 2024 & December 19, 2024. Mr. Garson seconded the motion which passed 5-0.

SOLICITORS REPORT – None

ENGINEER REPORT- None

Parks and Open Space Committee Report by Beth Henry

Gouley Park netting – Mrs. Henry said the goalpost poles have been securely concreted in place; however, the project remains incomplete and will require further work to finalize.

Hepford Park dugouts – She said with the holidays and vacation this project is not yet complete. We hope to have this completed shortly.

Public Safety Committee Report – Matthew Garson

Guardrail along Turner Rd – He said the Township is planning to install a guardrail along Turner Road to enhance safety for motorists and pedestrians. This improvement aims to address potential hazards and ensure a safer travel experience for all who use the roadway. Mr. Garson Motioned to authorize Catania Engineering to proceed with the project. Ms. McKenzie seconded the motion which passed 5-0.

Fire hydrant installation on Manchester at Osage – Mr. Garson said Aqua will be doing work in the Bancorft, Manchester Rd, Osage Ave area. They are asking if the Township would like to install an additional fire hydrant on the corner of Manchester and Osage. Aqua will absorb the cost of the installation, the Township will need to pay approximately \$40.00 a month in hydrant fees. Mr. Garson moved to authorize the installation of a fire hydrant on Osage Ave and Manchester. Ms. McKenzie seconded the motion which passed 5-0.

Finance and Administration Committee Report by Kait McKenzie

None

Community, Health, and Environment Report – Shaina Barnes

End of Curbside Leaf Collection She said Christmas Tree Pickup – The public works department has started to pick up Christmas trees. Please make sure to remove all decorations from the tree and place at the curb. The public works crews will be around to pick up. We will continue picking up until January 31st.

Delaware County Household Hazardous Waste Events 2025 - She said the County has sent out the 2025 Household Hazardous Waste Collection Events schedule. A copy of the schedule is available in the meeting folder, if all the commissioners can please pass this along to their constituents. The first event is scheduled for Saturday, April 12th at the Emergency Services Training Center in Sharon Hill. The schedule has been posted on the Township website and Facebook pages.

Infrastructure and Public Works Committee – Robert O'Connor

WRPP (Watershed Restoration and Protection Program) for Sapovits – He said this project is now complete and ready to submit for reimbursement. The project was for water quality improvements at Sapovits Park including the creation of a large infiltration bed in the existing fields and stream restoration, which helped with the flooding issues.

Building and Zoning Committee Report- Kait McKenzie

Zoning Hearing Board- She said the Meeting is Monday January 13, 2025 at 7:30pm – Two applications are on the agenda. 209 Cooper Drive asking for a variance for impervious coverage to install a 440 sq. ft. garage and 411 Briarwood Rd Requesting a variance from the side yard setback to build an addition. The agenda is posted on the Township website.

Government Relations Report- Kait McKenzie

Leiper Smedley Trail survey – She said the Township has had a survey posted for comments on the Leiper Smedley Feasibility Study, as of now we have 123 participants. The study will be open until Friday January 17th . We encourage everyone to participate. The link is <https://app.maptionnaire.com/q/leiper-trail>. You can access the link through the Township website or Facebook page.

PECO project on Providence Rd -Ms. Mckenzie said PECO will be doing utility improvements along Route 252 (Providence Rd). Monday, January 6, 2025, through Wednesday, April 2, 2025, from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM, Route 252 (Providence Road) will be closed and detoured on weekdays between Worrall Street and Locust Lane. During the closure, passenger vehicles will be directed to use Baltimore Avenue, Manchester Avenue, and Wallingford Avenue. Large trucks will be directed to use Baltimore Avenue/Baltimore Pike, and Route 320 (Cedar Lane/Swarthmore Avenue/Chester Road). Local access will be maintained up to the work zone. Motorists are advised to allow extra time when traveling near the work area because backups and delays will occur. All scheduled activities are weather-dependent.

PECO project in 5th Ward – She said PECO will be replacing the existing natural gas equipment to enhance service in your neighborhood. This includes installing a new underground pipe, which is more durable, enhances safety, and improves service reliability. Work is expected to begin 1/6/2024 in the area of Ryanard St from Pine to Willow, and on Pine St, Willow St, and Media Pkwy. Work will be completed Monday through Friday from 7:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. The project is expected to be completed by 6/2025.

2025 Street Resurfacing – Ms. McKenzie made a motion to authorize the Township Manager and Township Engineer to Bid out the 2025 Street Resurfacing Program. Mr. Garson seconded the motion which passed 5-0.

2025 Street Resurfacing County Aid Resolution- Ms. McKenzie made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-1. A resolution authorizing an application to the Delaware County Council for an allocation of county liquid fuel tax funds in 2024 for the municipal roadway/street improvement program of 2024. Mr. Garson seconded the motion which passed 5-0.

PY 2024 CDBG Street Resurfacing – She made a motion to authorize advertising for bids subject to final PY 2024 CDBG Street Resurfacing County Approval – Funds will provide for street resurfacing New Jersey Ave from Pennsylvania Ave to Lansing Court, Pennsylvania Ave Moore to New Jersey Ave, Pennsylvania Ave New Jersey to Austin, Pennsylvania Ave Dover to New Jersey. Mr. Garson seconded the motion which passed 5-0.

TOWNSHIP MANAGER REPORT – Maureen Feyas

Mrs. Feyas said the Furness Phase II bridge is now open, so please check it out and enjoy it.

Ms. McKenzie said the next meeting is on January 23rd, 2025. The meeting was adjourned around 7:30 PM.