

## **BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS of NETHER PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP – May 8th, 2025**

A public meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Nether Providence Township was called to order at 7:30 PM on Thursday, May 8th, 2025.

### **ROLL CALL**

#### **PRESENT:**

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

#### **ALSO PRESENT:**

Maureen Feyas	Township Manager
Charles Catania	Township Engineer
Bob Scott	Township Solicitor
Chief Splain	Police Chief

1 member of the public were in attendance.

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

### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

#### **Committee Openings- Parks and Shade Tree**

#### **Approval of Minutes – Next meeting**

#### **SOLICITORS REPORT – None**

#### **ENGINEER REPORT- None**

#### **Government Relations Report- Max Cooper**

EMS Update- Mr. Cooper discussed updates from the weekly EMS working group meeting.

A resolution for the potential member municipalities has been drafted, ratios of financial support based on municipal call volume have been negotiated with Nether at 40%. We anticipate the final 5-month pro-rated financial contribution to be about 100k. Final numbers and resolution language to be reviewed for approval at the next meeting.

PECO utility pole installation – Mr. Cooper said PECO is in the process of replacing the utility poles along Woodward Rd between Manchester Rd and Possum Hollow Rd. Woodward Rd will be closed to through traffic from 8:30am to 3:30pm Monday through Friday. Residents will have access to their properties. PEI will be setting up detours to redirect traffic during these hours. They will have flaggers at each end of the street. This project is scheduled from May 5<sup>th</sup> to May 23<sup>rd</sup>.

PennDOT meeting for the Interstate 476 Flex Ln project – He said PennDOT will be installing a new Flex lane on Interstate 476. There will be a public meeting on Tuesday May 13<sup>th</sup> from 6:00pm – 8:00pm at the Community Arts Center (414 Plush Mills Rd, Wallingford) for anyone who would like to see the design of the project.

2025 Road Resurfacing – Mr. Cooper said Innovative Construction is set to start the 2025 street paving next Monday, May 12<sup>th</sup> and will take about a week to finish. We are waiting for a final schedule to be sent to us.

### **Parks and Open Space Committee Report** by Beth Henry

**Field Use Policy-** Township Manager Maureen Feyas, Assistant Township Manager Caity Kennedy and myself have been working on the policy for a few months. We have sent a final draft to Bob Scott for his review. At this point we feel as we have a good policy in place and would like the Board approval. Commissioner Henry made a motion to approve the Field Use Policy, Ms. McKenzie seconded the motion, which passes 7-0.

**Houston Park Phase 2 DCED Grant application** – She said the Township is considering applying for a second Greenways, Trails and Recreation Program (GTRP) grant through the PA Department of Community and Economic Development to fund the trail improvements at Houston Park. The funding would enable us to build upon the work being started under a current GTRP grant. The project includes an improved trailhead at Route 320 with limited parking, trail improvements, and bridge repairs. The application will request \$150K in grant funds and will require a 15% match if awarded. Some of the matches could be met with Public Works labor rather than cash. A vote is needed to apply for the grant. Commissioner Henry made a motion to apply for the grant, Mr. Garson seconded the motion, with a vote of 7-0.

### **Public Safety Committee Report** – Matthew Garson

**Police report updates** – Mr. Garson said the Police Department had 90 citations and 28 warnings for April. Hoping people know to slow down. Thank you police Department.

**Discussion of purchasing another set of speed signs** – He said with many residential concerns with speeding in the township Chief Splain has solicited a quote from All Traffic Solutions to purchase (2) speed signs to be used at various locations around the Township. The cost of the signs is \$10,894.00. Mr. Garson made a motion to approve the quote from All Traffic Solutions in the amount of \$10,894.00. Ms. McKenzie seconded the motion, which passed 7-0.

**Approval to advertise an ordinance to install a stop sign on Laurel Ln at Fairfield Dr.** – He said at the last meeting, residents from Laurel Ln and Fairfield Dr came to the meeting requesting a stop sign on Laurel Ln at Fairfield Drive. Mr. Garson made a motion to advertise the proposed ordinance for a stop sign on Laurel Ln at Fairfield Drive. Ms. McKenzie seconded the motion, which passed 7-0.

**Manchester & Emerald Ramps** – The resident at the corner of Emerald Ln and Manchester Rd has granted the Township an easement to install ADA ramps for a proposed crosswalk along Manchester Rd. The Township Engineer will now submit the plans to PennDOT for the Highway Occupancy permit.

### **Finance and Administration Committee Report** by Kaitlin McKenzie

**Authorization of sale** of 2020 Dodge Durango Pursuit VIN# 1C4SDJFT2LC432077. Ms. McKenzie made a motion to approve the sale of the 2020 Dodge car. Mr. Garson seconded the motion, which passed 7-0.

**Ratification of the hire of Nicholas DiDomenico, Public Works Director** Ms. McKenzie made a motion to approve the hire of Nicholas DiDomenico, Public Works Director. Mr. Garson seconded the motion, which passed 7-0.

**Ratification of Resolution 2025-04 – Henry Ln Phase II** – She said The Township has applied for the PA Small Water and Sewer Program in the amount of \$144,723.12 for a potential Phase 2 of the Henry Ln Stormwater project. Ms. McKenzie made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-4 For Henry Lane phase II. Mr. Garson seconded the motion which passed 7-0.

**Ratification of Resolution 2025-05 – Declaration of Disaster Emergency** - She said on April 25<sup>th</sup> the Township BOC drafted Resolution 2025-05 “Declaration of Disaster Emergency” for the impact by Prospect Media Holdings, Inc moved to close both Crozer Chester Medical Center in Chester and Taylor Hospital in Riley Park in April 25, 2025 which resulted in significant impacts to Advanced Life Support (ALS) Services in the region. Ms. McKenzie made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-5. Mr. Cooper seconded the motion, which passed 7-0.

**Approval of Resolution 2025-06 – Berkheimer Confidential Contact Resolution** – She said the Legal department at Berkheimer Tax Innovations is asking municipalities to update their Confidential Contact Resolution for their Municipal Clients. The resolution previously states the proper name of the Township Manager; they are now asking municipalities to appoint a job title such as “Township Manager” instead of a proper name. This will make the process easier to change names when staffing changes. Ms. McKenzie made motion to approve Resolution 2025-7. Mr. Garson seconded the motion, which passed 7-0.

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

**EAC Updates-** Mrs. Barnes said meeting minutes will be posted on the EAC page on the Township website. The Committee is full, next meeting is Wednesday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>. Items discussed will be: Public Education on pesticides, ms4

projects, Trees covered in ivy, food recovery project, and Crum Creek watershed helping the Township with it's raingardens.

Summer Camp – She said the Township is excited to offer our Summer Camp program again this year! Camp will run from June 23rd to July 24th, Monday through Friday, from 8:30 AM to noon at Nether Providence Elementary School. The registration fee is \$300.00, and registration opens on April 14th. Registration forms are available on our website. We are also looking for counselors and CITs—application forms can be found online as well.

Bulk Trash Event – Ms. McKenzie said the Township will be hosting a Bulk Trash Drop-Off event on Saturday, May 31st from 10 AM to 2 PM. You can drop off your items at Hepford Park or the South Media Fire Station. Please remember, we are unable to accept electronics or hazardous waste at this event.

Infrastructure and Public Works Committee – Robert O'Connor

Mulch program open – He said the Township is now accepting mulch orders! You can place your order at the Township Building Monday through Friday from 9 AM to 5 PM. We accept cash or check only. Deliveries are scheduled for Thursday and Friday. Township resident pricing is: \$105 for a full truckload (5-6 cubic yards), \$65 for a half truckload (2-3 cubic yards). We're here to help you get your yard ready for the season! Feel free to stop by and place your order.

Public Works Update - Last week the crew continued working on storm clean up at various parks and sights around the township. With the rental of a woodchipper, the highway crew was able to complete a majority of the storm clean up by removing the hazardous trees and debris from these locations. Due to the storm, we have had to get quotes for some tree work to be completed by an outside tree contractor. These trees are unable to be removed by the public works crew due to location and difficulty of tree removal. The removal of these trees is in the process of being scheduled.

This week, the focus of the Public Works crews duties were on cleaning up the highway garage and yard in preparation for the fence to be installed next week. The crew was able to clean up both garages to where we are now able to park all the pick-ups and small dump trucks inside the buildings. The crew also took many loads of scrap metal and trash away as they cleaned up behind the garages in preparation for the new fence to be installed. With the help of the Shop Foreman, the new garage is now a certified PA Inspection Station, which means that we will be able to inspect our public works and police vehicles again. We should be able to start ordering inspection stickers by the end of the week. While the cleaning of the shop was taking place, a crew was also able to start going through the insurance risk control report items in preparation for our next inspection.

The plan for next week is to start back up the grant projects for the parks. The Project Foreman has decided that the Public Works crew is going to focus their efforts on the Martha Burton Park Project first.

Building and Zoning Committee Report- Candice Carbone

Zoning Meeting Monday May 19<sup>th</sup> – She said 209 Governors Drive requesting variances to construct a 720 sq. ft. garage and to be allowed (2) accessory structures on the property. , 600 South Providence Rd The Springhaven Club requesting a variance to install an additional pole for the netting, 910 Truepenny Ln requesting variances to permit the construction of multiple one-story and two-story additions and a one-story attached garage to the property, 5 Morgan Ln requesting a variance to construct a 305 sq. ft deck with a covered porch, 210 Grandview Rd, requesting variances to enlarge a nonconforming structure. & 0 South Providence Rd appealing the Township's denial of their zoning permit application to construct a single family detached dwelling to be operated as a Personal Care Assisted Living facility (compromising of 16 beds) for elderly people with disabilities to allow the proposed use under the Americans with Disabilities and the Fair Housing Act.

TOWNSHIP MANAGER REPORT – Maureen Feyas

The Delaware County Household Hazardous Waste event is on May 10<sup>th</sup>. At Rose Tree Park. More information can be found on the Township website and the County website.

Ms. McKeznie said the next meeting is on May 22nd, 2025. The meeting was adjourned around 8:00 PM.