

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS of NETHER PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP – June 12th, 2025

A public meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Nether Providence Township was called to order at 7:30 PM on Thursday, June 12th, 2025.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT:

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

ALSO PRESENT:

Maureen Feyas	Township Manager
Charles Catania	Township Engineer
Megan Burns in for Bob Scott	Township Solicitor
Chief Splain	Police Chief

15 members 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 HEARING FOR STOP SIGN ON LAUREL AT FAIRFIELD- Mr. Garson made a motion to approve Ordinance 863. For a stop sign at Laurel Lane & Fairfield. Ms. McKenzie seconded the motion, which passed 7-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Nannette Whitsett: She said Sarah's donation was only to be used at MBCP I would like you to find the original grant and engineering sketch for both parks. How are you saying the funds are gone when you're using materials left over from other park projects for MBCP refurbishment?

1. The walking path around the playground was only to go from the entrance to the picnic grove (which Dave said they were unable to do the picnic grove due to the boundaries of the park) 2. The lightened fixtures needed to be relocated due to the covering of the trees and one doesn't even light up the park 3. The fence is supposed to run the length of the gardens 4. You relocated a tree that died aren't you supposed to plant two new trees to replace it, one that was removed? 5. The picnic table on the new slab of concrete needs an umbrella; the metal black table attracts the heat, making it unbearable to use during a day 6. The trees need protection from the deer rubbing them. 7. The gardens need a retaining wall so that the soil doesn't continue to erode onto the gravel path. 8. The seesaw, merry-go-round and swing set need to be painted 9. The tires under the see-saw need to be raised or removed? 10. Wood chips need to be replaced/refilled 11. The totem poles need to be relocated placed in the gardens and around the park. 12. We would like a copy of the budget the Township is currently working from. Now for Sapovits 1. There is to be a walking path from the upper courts to the lower courts to make the entrance ADL compliant, and to stop the soil erosion from the top of the hill. That causes a runoff off of water that pools at the bottom of the hill every time there is a heavy rain. Right now there is a large tree root and gaping hole in the middle of the hill from the storm that happened over two months ago 2. There was no mention in a soft ball field 3. There was to be a ADL swing 4. There was no mention of enlarging the half court , just repainting and repairing the basketball hoops.5. There was to be picnic tables added as well as grills 6. A water management system to stop the water flowing from the underground pipe into the stream 7. There was to be stream restoration to reopen the stream so that water can flow

down away from the lower field entrance of the park Any changes to the plan should have been approved by the State and James and I should have been notified to get our feedback and the community's on the proposed changes to the parks When were we taken out of the loop?

Ms. McKenzie said that the approved grant plans would be shared, and there was a significant match in the amount of \$108,900 required for MBP that exceeded the Peck contribution, which was put towards a portion of that required match. She also noted that all of these projects are grant-funded, meaning they require approval from the state or county. Therefore, if the state mandates any changes, the Township must comply. Final plans that have been approved by the state are available for residents to review upon request. They will be provided to Ms. Whitsett.

James Madison 613 Washington-

He asked that the community have more involvement in the committees, so miscommunication doesn't happen with park projects. Asked about the Sapovits softball field as the infield looks to high.

Joseph Harper 428 Washington-

Asked for an update and status report on the softball field and memorial for past players. He wants to see plans & updates or denials of grants. Board said they would provide him with a list of things that have be completed and what still needs to be done.

Committee Openings- Historical Commission

Approval of Minutes – Next meeting

SOLICITORS REPORT – None

ENGINEER REPORT-

West Rose Valley Rd Meeting with PennDOT for June 24 or 25th to discuss safety concerns
The Manchester crosswalk is pending approval from PennDOT.

Government Relations Report- Max Cooper

EMS Update- EMS Working Group Update

Mr. Cooper provided an update from the weekly EMS working group meeting. The following people have come to show support for this Resolution for the intergovernmental shared services agreement for emergency medical services.

Jill Gesi- Swarthmore Bourgh

Kristen Seymore- Swarthmore Borough Council

Sue Hunt- Rutledge board

Chief Conlin Booth – Swarthmore Fire and Protective Association

The emergency medical services cost-sharing agreement was read aloud for all of the Board to agree on. Questions and detailed discussion went on. At this time, wording for the cost agreement has not been finalized.

Resolution 2025-08 Shared Service Agreement for EMS – Authorizing the appropriate Township Officials to take any action to approve an intergovernmental shared services agreement for emergency medical services. Mr. Cooper made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-08, the township commissioners of the township of Nether Providence, Delaware County, Pennsylvania, authorizing the appropriate township officials to take any and all action to approve an intergovernmental shared services agreement for emergency medical services. Ms. McKenzie seconded the motion, which passed 7-0.

Aqua Paving Contribution – Oak Knoll Drive – Aqua is offering \$150,840 for the Township to perform and complete, as its sole responsibility, the pavement restoration involving trench base restoration, as well as the milling and overlaying of the affected roadway on Oak Knoll Drive. In consideration for receipt of the contribution, the Township further agrees to be responsible for supplying all necessary materials, performing the installation, and assuming full responsibility for its work, and hereby releases Aqua from all liability and damages arising from or related to this

work. Based upon recent bids, it is projected to cost the Township about \$130,000 to complete the work. Does the Township want to accept this offer? If so we will need to put together a bid package and advertise. Otherwise, Aqua will pave the street in late July. Mr. Cooper made a motion to accept the bid from Aqua for \$130,000 for paving contributions for Oak Knoll Road. Ms. McKenzie seconded the motion, which passed 7-0.

Community, Health, and Environment Report – Shaina Barnes

EAC Updates – balloon awareness – Mrs. Barnes said mass balloon releases may seem harmless, but they have serious consequences for animals and the environment. Once released, all balloons eventually fall back to the ground, waterways, or into trees, where they become dangerous litter. Wildlife—like turtles and birds—often mistake balloon fragments for food or become entangled in attached strings and ribbons, leading to injury or death. Balloons are among the most lethal types of plastic pollution for wildlife. Farm animals are also at risk. Balloon debris that lands in fields and pastures can be accidentally ingested by grazing animals such as cows, sheep, and goats, potentially leading to internal blockages, illness, or death. Balloon ribbons and strings can also pose entanglement hazards in yards or on farmland. Please think twice before releasing balloons into the environment. Looking for a place for a community garden.

Historical Commission Updates – Looking for someone to join the commission and chair.

Summer Camp - All of our counselors and volunteers are ready to go, and all staff positions have been filled. We are still accepting camper registrations! For more information or to register, please contact the Township office.

Family Fun Day Vendors - The Township is now accepting vendor applications to join us for Family Fun Day on Saturday, October 11th. For more information, please visit our Facebook page. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Mona Price at mprice@netherprovidence.org or Shaina Barnes at sbarnes@netherprovidence.org.

Finance and Administration Committee Report by Kaitlin McKenzie & Mr. Garson

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

Bills List Total - \$349,366.09

Interim Total \$25,803.34

Procurement Card Total - \$35,897.09

Mr. Garson seconded the motion, which passed 7-0

Ratification of contract with PAR recycling – Mr. Garson said it came to our attention that the PA Department of Environmental Protection requires a signed contract with PAR Recycling for our e-recycling collection bin at the Public Works garage. Though PAR doesn't charge the Township a fee to collect the contents of the bin, a contract is still required to ensure the Township isn't saddled with recycling that we can't process if PAR decides not to continue pickup. The contract underwent legal review before being signed by the Assistant Manager. Mr. Garson moved to ratify the agreement with PAR recycling. Mr. Cooper seconded the move, which passed 5-0.

Healing the Plant Tree Grant – He said Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful (KPB) is offering Healing the Planet Grants, funded by The GIANT Company, which aim to invest in tree plantings across the company's operating areas in Pennsylvania. A total of \$112,000 in funding will be awarded to tax-exempt organizations for tree planting projects this year. Projects must be shovel-ready and include tree planting and direct costs relating to tree planting. KPB is accepting applications for grants of up to \$4,000 through 4 p.m. on July 1, 2025. No match is required. The planting and grant paperwork must be completed before December 10, 2025. Mr. Garson made a motion to authorize approval to apply for a grant. Mr. Cooper seconded the motion, which passed 5-0.

Parks and Open Space Committee Report by Beth Henry

Park Updates – She said over the past two weeks, there has been significant progress with the park projects. The walking path and picnic grove at Martha Burton Park have been completed. There is still some cleanup to be done around that path, but all of the materials have been put in place. The four-square area has been dug out and stoned in preparation for paving. Work has also begun at Sapovits Park, starting with digging out the path and placing stone in the excavated area. We plan to continue working on the path at Sapovits Park this week and into next week. With all the rain we have received in the last two weeks since we installed the berm at Gouley Park, we have been able to see

that it is working to keep the water and screening off the turf field. We plan to make further improvements to the water management issues at Gouley Park when the crew is working there for the grant project.

Parks Committee – She said Love Our Parks Events – The Parks Committee is planning to host an event at each of the Township parks through the end of the year. The first event will be a Cutting Ceremony at Furness Park on Saturday, June 21st. The second event will be a Guided Bird Walk at Houston Park on Saturday, June 28th, hosted by the Bird Town Committee. As additional information becomes available about upcoming park events, we will update the Board of Commissioners and share details on the Township website and Facebook page.

Infrastructure and Public Works Committee – Robert O’Connor

Public Works Update – He said Township vehicles and equipment were maintained over the last two weeks according to the maintenance schedule. The new F550 has been put into service for the crew to use. Over the past two weeks, crews have been out fixing stormwater inlets on Governors Drive, cleaning inlets, and cutting brush away from signs and roadways around the township. Crews have also started repainting stop sign stop bars around the township as part of our summer painting. We plan to continue painting stop bars and crosswalks throughout the summer. There has also been a crew working on sanitary sewer maintenance and investigating a sewer issue that was found on Hemlock Rd. The public works crews also made multiple mulch deliveries, bagged leaf pick-ups, and had the bulk trash event last weekend.

Public Safety Committee Report – Matthew Garson

Public Hearing for stop signs on Laurel Ln at Fairfield Dr. – Consideration and approval of Ordinance 863 of the Township of Nether Providence, amending Chapter 243 of the Township Code (Vehicles and Traffic) to establish stop intersections on Laurel Lane at Fairfield Drive. This needs a vote.

Building and Zoning Committee Report- Candice Carbone

Zoning Hearing Board Meeting – Monday June 16th – She said on the agenda is: 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 (comprising of 16 beds) for elderly people with disabilities to allow the proposed use under the American with Disabilities and the Fair Housing Act., 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.

TOWNSHIP MANAGER REPORT – Maureen Feyas

She said Delaware County is hosting an E-recycling event on Wednesday, June 18th. From 9 am-1 pm. At Rose Tree Park. The flyer and more information are on the Township website & Facebook page.

Ms. McKeznie said the next meeting is on July 24th, 2025. The meeting was adjourned around 8:30 PM.