

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS of NETHER PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP – August 28th, 2025

A public meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Nether Providence Township was called to order at 7:30 PM on Thursday, August 28th, 2025.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT:

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

ALSO PRESENT:

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

Excused: Commissioner Barnes

4 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 COMMENT:

Marty Spiegel- Mayor of Swarthmore-

He would like to address the Commission to express his sincere gratitude and appreciation to Nether Providence Township and the Board of Commissioners for their willingness to step up and help bring the new ALS project to completion, in partnership with the other participating municipalities. He truly appreciates all the effort, time, and collaboration that went into making this possible—especially recognizing Max Cooper for his foresight, dedication, and leadership throughout this project.

Committee Openings- Historical Commission, EAC mid-term expires 2027

Approval of Minutes – Ms. McKenzie made a motion to adopt the minutes for April 10th & July 24th . Mrs. Henry seconded the motion, which passed 6-0.

SOLICITORS REPORT – None

ENGINEER REPORT- None

Presentation by Carter Shinnars – Eagle Scout Project

Carter presented his project to the Board, stating that he would be building a trail on the north side of Hellen Kate Furness Park. It will be marked with blazes along the trail. Your work will enhance accessibility and encourage more outdoor engagement by creating a thoughtfully planned path that seamlessly integrates with the environment, offering a safer and clearer walking experience. He presented maps too. The Board approved the project.

Presentation from Cathy Spahr, Delaware County Planning Department about Vision Zero Delco

Working together, we can eliminate traffic deaths and life-altering injuries in Delaware County. We can ensure everyone has the freedom to walk, roll, or drive safely in Delaware County. A collection of Delco crash data, maps, and data driven solutions that helped to inform our Vision Zero Delco initiative and the recommendations in the Safety Action Plan. Vision Zero Delco was centered on both the data and the lived experiences of the residents, employees, visitors, first responders, crossing guards, and school bus drivers. The United States Department of Transportation, cities, and counties across the US have adopted the Safe Systems Approach. The Safe System Approach to road safety. This approach understands that people make mistakes but works to tackle safety from all angles and builds redundancy so that when crashes do happen, the harm is not life-altering. Delco's Safety Action Plan is informed by these principles.

While Delaware County does not own any roads, the County supports road safety in multiple ways: drafting and adopting road safety policies for our municipalities, advocating for statewide policy changes, education and outreach to the public and municipalities, assisting municipalities in finding funding for road projects, community engagement activities, and partnerships and collaboration with municipalities and stakeholders.

You can help us get to zero! There are so many ways to help: complete a walk audit, tell us about unsafe driving or road concerns, ask your municipality to adopt Vision Zero Delco, or Take the Vision Zero Pledge to practice safe driving! Getting to Zero takes all of us!

Public Meeting for Proposed Ordinance to adopt the 2018 International Fire Code

Government Relations Report- Max Cooper

EMS Update- Mr. Cooper said they had a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the ALS upgrade is complete and successful. The next Working group meeting is on September 10th. Which will look to review preliminary data and revenue projections look like for the upcoming budget season.

DCED Letter of Intent – Technical Assistance for Emergency Medical Services- Letter stating: Assistance with developing the necessary components, resources, and timeline to establish a Municipal Authority focused on supporting emergency services. For review only.

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds for improvements to Hepford Park – He said the Township was awarded \$131,000 in Community Development Block Grant funds for improvements to Hepford Park. As we were made aware at the time of application, ballfield improvements included in our original budget were deemed ineligible, but the parking lot improvements, the addition of a gazebo, and an expanded concrete pad in front of the snack bar were all funded. The next step is a meeting with the Office of Housing and Community Development in September.

Parks and Open Space Committee Report by Beth Henry

DCNR Parks Update – She said the projects at Martha Burton and Sapovits Parks have been completed.

- At Martha Burton, the parking spots, four square, and hopscotch have been painted and opened for public use. We have also installed two picnic tables in the picnic grove area along the path.
- At Sapovits Park, the multi-purpose court has been resurfaced and painted. The court is lined for basketball and pickleball usage. We have also installed two picnic tables in the picnic area at Sapovits Park.
- The walking path at Gouley Park, along the playground connecting the lower parking lot to the upper parking lot, has also been completed. Crews are now working on grading the dirt around the walking path and fixing the water management issues with the upper parking lot. Once complete, the area will be seeded and hayed. Also, at Gouley Park, the damaged turf in the middle of the field has been repaired, and we are in the process of scheduling a contractor to fix the turf in the corner of the field.

With the completion of Martha Burton Park, Sapovits Park, and the near completion of Gouley Park, we have scheduled a date for the parks to be inspected on September 12th. Before this date, crews will go over all the parks to ensure that they are clean and ready for inspection.

Public Safety Committee Report – Matthew Garson

Ordinance to adopt the 2018 International Fire Code – He said the Township is currently operating under the 1996 Fire Code. The Fire Code has since been updated, and the most recent edition is the 2018 International Fire Code. Mr. Garson made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 864, which adopts the International Fire Code, 2018 Edition, which passed 6-0.

Fire call card grids – Mr. Garson said Ratification of the letter authorizing Patrick O'Rourke, Township Emergency

Management Coordinator, to adjust the fire call grids. This allows our fire companies to adjust the fire call cards as needed to ensure that the Township has proper fire coverage across the Township. Mr. O'Rourke is authorized to coordinate with all appropriate fire companies to ensure the response cards are updated to reflect current operational priorities and mutual aid agreements. His adjustments are to be considered valid and effective as of the date of implementation.

Resolution to apply for TASA Grant – Transportation Alternative Set-Aside Program to fund a sidewalk on Plush Mill Rd from where it intersects with the Leiper Smedley Trail to the Mills of Victoria. The design included the construction of a pedestrian bridge alongside the existing bridge over Crum Creek and a crosswalk to connect to the Crum Woods Trail. Mr. Garson made a motion to endorse the submission of the Walkable Wallingford – Plush Mill Road Sidewalk connection from Leiper-Smedley Trail to Mills of Victoria. Ms. McKenzie seconded the motion, which passed 6-0.

Finance and Administration Committee Report by Kaitlin McKenzie

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

A/P Bills List TOTAL – \$137,011.97

AP Interims List – TOTAL - \$678,834.66

A/P Procurement Card - TOTAL –\$25,463.35

Mrs. Henry seconded the motion, which passed 6-0.

Purchase Agreement Extension with Delaware County Public Schools Healthcare Trust – She said this is the police Health Care Agreement provided through Gallagher. Medical and prescription costs are increasing by 5.9% versus the industry average of 9.4% increase. There is no change to the dental and vision premiums. Ms. McKenzie made a motion to approve the Purchase Agreement Extension with Delaware County Public Schools Healthcare Trust. Mr. Garson seconded the motion, which passed 6-0.

DECLO 10 MILER – She said the County is hosting the DELCO 10 Miler on Sunday, September 28, 2025. The race will begin at Rose Tree Park and finish at Subaru Park, with the course running through Nether Providence Township. The Township has been asked to provide a letter of support to PennDOT for this event. Ms. McKenzie made a motion to approve the letter of support for the Declo 10 miller. Mr. Cooper seconded the motion, which passed 6-0.

Letter of acknowledgement for car wash – Solicitor Scott said the old “Rite Aid” location on Baltimore Pike is shared by Media Borough and Nether Providence. They have filed a land development plan with Media. They are pushing back. Their lawyer reached out to us asking if the Township has any interest in it. Mr. Scott said he reported it to Mr. Catania and will give Mr. Scott a response.

Community, Health, and Environment Report – Kait McKenzie

None

Infrastructure and Public Works Committee – Robert O'Connor

Public Works Update – He said the Township vehicles and equipment were maintained according to the maintenance schedule. Crews have been out fixing stormwater inlets, cleaning inlets, and cutting brush away from signs and roadways around the township. Crews have also continued 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. Additionally, a crew has been working on sanitary sewer maintenance and investigating sewer issues around the township. We currently have a contractor out doing root treatment in the sanitary sewer lines throughout the township. We also have a crew currently working on getting all the leaf machines' preventative maintenance done so they will be ready for leaf season. The public works crews also made multiple mulch deliveries and bagged leaf pickups, along with collecting trash throughout the township's parks and buildings.

The leaf site was inspected by the DEP and Delaware County Recycling Manager, finding no violations and that the site was well-maintained and clean.

Multi-Municipal Salt Bid – Mr. O'Connor said the Township has been participating in a joint salt bid contract with 11 other municipalities to secure better pricing on salt. This year, Riverside Construction Materials was the lowest bidder at \$69.75 per ton. Mr. O'Connor made a motion to continue participation in the joint program and accept the bid price of \$69.75. Ms. McKenzie seconded the emotion, which passed 6-0.

Recycling Contract Bid – He said the current recycling contract is coming to an end. Mr. O'Connor made a motion to authorize putting the contract out to bid. Mrs. Carbone seconded the motion, which passed 6-0.

Building and Zoning Committee Report- Candice Carbone

None

TOWNSHIP MANAGER REPORT – Maureen Feyas

She said there is a Household Hazards event on September 6th at the Emergency Training Center in Sharon Hill. The flyer is on our website, and registration is required.

Ms. McKenzie said the next meeting is on September 11, 2025. The meeting was adjourned around 8:45 PM.