

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS of NETHER PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP**  
**November 13, 2025**

A public meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Nether Providence Township was called to order at 7:30 PM on Thursday, November 13, 2025.

**ROLL CALL**

**PRESENT:**

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

**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 Garson

10 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.

**Presentation -Zen Garden at Furness Park**

Philip Vieira, an Eagle Scout, presented his project to build a Zen garden with decking and seating arrangements in Furness Park. The goal is to create a quiet, isolated area for relaxation, meditation, and potentially small yoga classes. He is seeking the township's approval and potential funding. The Board expressed support for the project and planned to move forward with approval.

**Public Comment**

**Ridley Drive Traffic & Parking**

The public comment section focused on severe parking and speeding issues.

Peter Schwertz 217 Ridley Drive- Problems with visitors to the soccer fields near Ridley Drive, which is a shared border with Chester.

Residents Jerry M. Ridley Drive and Chrisanne Hoover- Ridley Drive- Problems with hundreds of cars parking on the street, blocking driveways. Issues with the lights from the park, too.

Vince Mario- 107 River Drive- Said problems with speeding, and running stop signs. And Chester isn't taking care of the park. He cuts grass and takes trash cans down to be picked up.

**Beatty Run Streambank Stabilization: The Board approved the following low bids for the WRPP grant project for Zones 1-3**

- o Zone 1 (Bane Excavation): \$90,335.65
- o Zone 2 (Bane Excavation): \$93,548.90
- o Zone 3 (Mayfield Construction): \$107,500.00
- o Zone 4: All bids were rejected.

Mrs. Henry made a motion to approve the bids for A \$250,000 Delco Greenways grant will cover the required 15% local match and the engineering costs. Ms. McKenzie seconded the motion, which passed 6-0.

**Leiper Trail Extension Study**

Ben Guthrie presented the findings of the feasibility study for the Leiper Trail extension:

- **Existing Trail Improvements:** Key recommendations focus on safety and accessibility, including crosswalk enhancements at the interchange with Baltimore Pike to slow down traffic and improving signage and lighting along the trail.
- **Trail Extension Opportunities:** The study explored extending the trail to the south. The most feasible option would require a new bridge crossing over the creek near the municipal border and inter-municipal collaboration with neighboring townships.
- **SOLICITORS REPORT** – None
- **ENGINEER REPORT-** None

- **PECO Work:** PECO will be replacing poles along Brookhaven Road starting Monday, November 17th, with no lane closures currently anticipated.
- **EMS Updates:** The intergovernmental ALS structure is showing a positive revenue trend, with October bringing in over \$27,000. The target revenue to cover 50% of the cost is \$31,000 per month. A vote on the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the initial legal fees for the authority startup was deferred until the next meeting .

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

- **Scout Thank You:** Carter Shinnars was thanked for creating a new walking trail and installing a picnic bench at Furness Park.

#### **Public Safety Committee Report – Kait McKenzie**

- **Student Parking Issues Near Strath Haven High School:** A comprehensive plan was presented to address ongoing student parking in residential areas. The core issue is that the school only has 159 dedicated parking spots for seniors. The police will be correcting signage on streets with existing ordinances and will be engaging residents on other affected streets to determine their preference for future enforcement.

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

- **2026 Budget:** The first reading of the 2026 General Fund Budget was held. The total projected expenses for the General Fund are \$9,141,847. Final numbers are pending the county assessment.

#### **Infrastructure and Public Works Committee Report - Robert O'Connor**

- **Curbside Leaf Pick Up Schedule:** The final pick-up weeks were confirmed:
  - **Week of Nov 17:** Wards 2, 3, and 4.
  - **Week of Nov 24:** No scheduled pick-up.
  - **Week of Dec 1:** Wards 1, 5, 6, and 7.
  - **Week of Dec 8:** Final pass-through for all wards.

**Palmers Ln Drainage Improvements:** The Board approved a motion to award the low bid of \$39,168.48 to Joseph J Danielle LLC. The overage on the \$22,000 grant will be covered by \$17,000 from the sewer fund. MR. O'Connor made a motion to accept the bid from Joseph J Danielle LLC in the amount of \$39,168.48 for Drainage

improvements for Palmers Lane. Ms. McKenzie seconded the motion, which passed 6-0.

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### **Manager's Report**

The Manager reported on several community initiatives:

- **Food Drive:** Collecting donations for the local Life Werks food pantry at the township building.
- **Bulk Trash Drop Off:** Scheduled for Saturday, the 22nd, at Hepford Park and South Media Fire Company (no electronics) .
- **Second Annual Toy Drive:** The Police Department is partnering with Delco Cruisers for a holiday toy run, accepting new, unwrapped toys at the township building and police department through December 6th.

**Adjournment** – Next meeting is the Legislative Meeting on Thursday, November 20th