

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS of NETHER PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP

February 12, 2026

A public meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Nether Providence Township was called to order at 7:30 PM on Thursday, February 12, 2026.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT:

- Commissioner Max Cooper (Vice President)
- Commissioner Beth Henry
- Commissioner Shaina Barnes
- Commissioner Robert O'Connor
- Commissioner Alex Hillemeier

ALSO PRESENT:

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

Excused: Commissioner Kaitlin McKenzie (President) & Commissioner Mike Keller

Pledge of Allegiance Led by the Board.

Executive Session Announced to be held following the public meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- **Eagle Scout Presentation:** Luca Gentile presented details for his Eagle Scout project regarding improvements to the **Leiper Smedley Trail**.
- **Jack Eman (703 Atlantic Court):** Raised concerns regarding a neighbor with multiple abandoned vehicles restricting street parking.
- **Hills Tesla (700 Atlantic Court):** Reinforced concerns about parking, safety hazards, and the removal of police-issued "abandoned" stickers by the vehicle owner.

- **Response:** Vice President Cooper and Chief Splain confirmed that the police are following the legal abandoned vehicle process.

Committee Openings The Board announced openings on the **Historical Commission** and a mid-term opening on the **Environmental Advisory Council (EAC)** expiring in 2027.

Approval of Minutes

- **Motion:** To approve the minutes of the **November 20, 2025,** and **December 11, 2025,** meetings.
- **Vote:** Passed unanimously.

Solicitor's Report Standard updates provided.

Engineer's Report Standard updates provided.

1. Public Safety Committee Report by Max Cooper

- **a. EMS Updates:** The multi-municipal working group has split into subgroups for Communications, Data/Fee Collection, and Operational/Budgetary planning. Legal counsel Ben Reed provided a draft timeline aiming for operation by the end of 2026.
- **b. Fire Study Updates:** A meeting is scheduled for February 17 to discuss a unified command structure and joint commission.
- **c. Stop Sign (Beaumont Drive & Laurel Lane):** The Township received a petition for a three-way stop.
 - **Engineer Assessment:** The intersection does not meet criteria for a multi-way stop. Trees at 408 Laurel need pruning as they obstruct sight but appear to be in the right of way.
 - **Traffic Study:** Measured average speed was 22.9 MPH (25 MPH limit).
 - **Action:** The Board directed the Manager to draft and advertise an ordinance for the installation of a stop sign on Laurel Lane. Authorization passed.

2. Government Relations Report by Mike Keller

- **a. Palmers Ln Drainage:** Phase 2 begins Monday, February 16, and is anticipated to last one week. Palmers Lane will be closed from Gladstone Rd to Rose Valley Rd from 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM.

- **b. Community Project Funding Grant:** Awarded a \$500,000 federal grant for the **Providence Road** sidewalk project (Springhaven driveway to Mother of Providence), facilitated by Rep. Mary Gay Scanlon.
- **c. 2026 County Aid (Resolution 2026-05):**
 - **Motion:** To adopt Resolution 2026-05 authorizing application for \$14,083 in County Liquid Fuels Tax funds in 2026 for the municipal roadway/street improvement program.
 - **Result:** Passed.
- **d. 2026 Street Resurfacing Township:** Map and road list included in the packet; action deferred to the next meeting.
- **e. Henry Lane Phase 2 & f. Hepford Park CDBG:**
 - **Motion:** To authorize bidding for the **Henry Lane** drainage project (Small Water and Sewer Grant) and **Hepford Park** path/parking resurfacing.
 - **Result:** Passed.

3. Parks and Open Space Committee Report by Beth Henry

- **a. Free the Trees:** The Parks Commission and EAC are collaborating on an invasive ivy removal event targeting April.
- **b. NPT Green Way:** Reviewing research by Kevin Mickelberg for an interactive walking route map to connect township parks and offer safe routes for residents.

4. Community, Health, and Environment Report by Shaina Barnes

- **a. Summer Camp:** Announced for June 22 – July 23, 2026, at Nether Providence Elementary. Registration begins in April.

5. Infrastructure and Public Works Committee Report by Robert O'Connor

- **a. Public Works Report: * Parks:** Awaiting snowmelt to complete dugout concrete pads.
 - **Maintenance:** Vehicles maintained per schedule; crews addressed stormwater inlet and sanitary sewer repairs.
 - **Storm Response:** Outstanding job managing recent snow cleanup and clearing intersections.

- **Sign Maintenance Program:** Ward-by-ward assessment of street and stop signs has begun for repairs and replacements.

6. Building and Zoning Committee Report by Alex Hillemeier

- **a. Planning Commission (0 Providence Rd):** Land development application for a group home building was postponed to **Monday, March 2nd at 7:30 PM** at the applicant's request.

Manager's Report Announcements for a Household Hazardous Waste Event (April 18), E-Recycling & Shredding Event (March 28), Kitchen Harvest composting, and Life Works Food Pantry donation needs.

Adjournment The next meeting is the Legislative Meeting on **Thursday, February 26, 2026.**