

Nether Providence Township Board of Commissioners

Meeting Minutes: March 26, 2026

A public meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Nether Providence Township was called to order at 7:30 PM.

PRESENT:

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

ALSO PRESENT:

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

Excused: Commissioner Mike Keller

Executive Session: Announced to be held after the meeting.

Approval of Minutes

- **January 22 & February 12:** Motion made by Mr. Cooper to approve the minutes from the January 22nd and February 12th meetings.
 - **Vote:** Motion passed unanimously 6-0.

A moment of silence for the passing of Angela Hewett.

Public Comment:

Lauren Minsky, a resident and Professor of Environmental Health at Haverford College, spoke in strong support of the "**No LNG in Delco**" resolution. Her testimony focused on the following key risks regarding the proposed liquefied natural gas (LNG) export terminal in Eddystone. She highlighted that LNG is highly explosive. While such facilities typically require 1,000+ acres for

safety, this site is proposed for less than 100 acres. She noted that Nether Providence sits within the **3–6 mile evacuation zone**. Minsky cited Delaware County’s poor air quality (graded D/F by the American Lung Association) and reported significantly elevated rates of respiratory, liver, and **pediatric brain cancers** in the region linked to existing industrial pollution. She argued the facility would release potent greenhouse gases and toxic pollutants (like radioactive particulates from fracked gas) into the air. She emphasized that the gas is intended for export to foreign markets for plastics manufacturing, meaning the community assumes all the risk for the profit of Pan American Energy shareholders.

Commissioner Cooper (an ER doctor) confirmed seeing a higher burden of respiratory issues in the river corridor and noted that local EMS/fire systems must plan for regional hazards like explosions or poor air quality.

Commissioners agreed that while the terminal is outside their jurisdiction, the health impacts cross township lines, making it necessary to stand with neighboring communities. The Board expressed a 6-0 informal consensus in favor of the resolution. The Township Solicitor was instructed to finalize the legal language for a formal vote at the next meeting.

Discussion regarding a proposed resolution opposing a Liquid Natural Gas (LNG) export terminal in Eddystone. The Solicitor will "clean up" the draft language to reflect the Board's position for a future formal vote.

Robert, resident of Nether Providence Township - The resident recommended the film *Justice in Chester* (2019) to illustrate the history of industrial pollution in the county. He argued that "the environment knows no political boundaries," noting that local air quality ranks among the worst in the U.S.. He stated that as a father, his primary concern is the long-term health and safety of his children playing outdoors in the community.

Committee Openings- Historical Commission, Appointment of EAC mid-term expires 2027. Ms. McKenzie made a motion to appoint Britt Dunning to the EAC committee. Passed 6-0.

Solicitors Report: nothing to report

Engineer’s Report

- **Palmers Lane Drains:** The project is completed.
 - **Houston Park:** Bridge restoration is finished. Streambank restoration is scheduled to begin within five weeks .
 - **Trail & Parking Lot:** Trail opening is tentatively set for May 12th, with parking lot work following after May 16th .
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1. Public Safety Committee Report (Max Cooper)

- **EMS Updates:** Mr. Cooper said that significant progress is being made on the regional EMS authority. The working group is meeting bi-weekly. Key documents, including a **Communication Plan** and a **Draft Ordinance** for the new EMS Authority, have been developed. Discussions are focused on defining board roles, establishing rolling terms for continuity, and creating a process for adding future municipalities. Property data is being analyzed to model a **new fee structure**, with specific details expected by **mid-April 2026**. Public outreach begins next week, with **Swarthmore Borough** currently serving as the administrative and financial lead until the Authority is legally finalized. A public informational meeting is scheduled for **April 30, 2026, at 6:30 PM** at the Middle School.
- **Fire Study / MOU:** He said all three firehouses (Garden City, South Media, and Swarthmore) have agreed to move forward with the unified fire department working group.
 - **Vote:** Motion to approve the **Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)** with Swarthmore Borough regarding fire department consolidation.
 - **Result:** Motion passed unanimously, 6-0.
- **Stop Sign (Beaumont and Laurel):** Mr. Hillemeyer said residents requested a three-way stop due to safety and speeding concerns
 - **Vote:** Mr. Hillemeyer made a motion to authorize the advertising of an ordinance for the stop sign
 - **Result:** Motion passed, 6-0

2. Government Relations Report (Kait McKenzie)

- **2026 Street Resurfacing:** A Review of bid results for the township resurfacing project.
 - **Vote:** Motion to accept the lowest bid from **Walsh Brothers Enterprise** in the amount of **\$444,540**
 - **Result:** Motion passed unanimously, 6-0.

3. Parks and Open Space Committee Report (Beth Henry)

- **Free the Tree Event:** Scheduled for **Saturday, April 11th**, from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM. Volunteers will focus on removing invasive English Ivy from township parks.

- **Dugouts:** Public works is working to complete both dugouts at Bullens and Hepford field 2
- **NPT Green Way:** A commission member is researching the creation of a walking path and interactive map for township residents.

4. Finance and Administration Committee Report (Kaitlin McKenzie)

- **414 New Jersey Ave (Escrow):** Release of the first escrow portion for Rockwell Developers.
 - **Vote:** Motion to approve Escrow Release #1 in the amount of **\$230,549.00**.
 - **Result:** Motion passed, 6-0.
- **Bills List:**
 - **Vote:** Ms. McKenzie made a motion to approve the AP Bills (\$142,628.40), Interim Bills (\$241,978.00), P-Card List (\$28,571.42). With an additional expense to Enterprise in the amount of \$10,784.
 - **Result:** Motion passed 6-0.

5. Community, Health, and Environment Report (Shaina Barnes)

- **Summer Camp:** Program runs June 22nd to July 23rd. Registration opens **April 6th** .
- **CAT Club:** Celebrated 5 years of service by the Citizens Against Trash volunteers.
- **Bird Town News:** The township received a **Gold Certificate** from the PA Audubon Council. A guided bird walk is scheduled for Saturday morning at Summit School.
- **Library:** Helen Kate Furness Library was recognized as a **Gold Star Library** by the PA Library Association.
- **Friends of Leiper House:** Seeking volunteer tour guides for the May–December season .

6. Infrastructure and Public Works Committee Report (Robert O'Connor)

- **Public Works Report:** Crews completed a water management project near the pump house and have begun the leaf composting process.
- Mulch deliveries are available (\$105 full truck / \$65 half truck) .

Manager's Report (Maureen Feyas)

- **Electronics Recycling & Shredding:** Event held Saturday, March 28th, from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM at Strath Haven High School.
- **Hazardous Waste:** Next county collection event is **April 18th** in Sharon Hill (registration required).

Adjournment

- **Next Meeting:** Workshop Meeting on **Thursday, April 9, 2026.**