

Nether Providence Township - Board of Commissioners (BOC)

Meeting Minutes — April 23, 2026

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

PRESENT:

- Commissioner Kaitlin McKenzie (President)
- Commissioner Max Cooper (Vice President)
- Commissioner Robert O'Connor
- Commissioner Alex Hillemeier
- Commissioner Mike Keller
- Commissioner Beth Henry
- Commissioner Shaina Barnes
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ALSO PRESENT:

- Maureen Feyas, Township Manager
- Charles Catania, Township Engineer
- Chief Splain, Police Chief
- Caity Kennedy, Assistant Township Manager

Roll Call & Opening

- **Time:** 7:30 pm
- **Pledge of Allegiance:** Led by the Board.
- **Executive Session Note:** Announced to be held after the completion of the main meeting.

Public Comment

- **Home Sharing Program:** James Mason (613 Washington Avenue) introduced a new vetted home-sharing program launched by the Media Fellowship House designed to assist seniors with companionship and living expenses. For informational purposes to the community.
- **Environmental Advisory Council (EAC) - "Free the Trees" Project:** Dan Deer (EAC Chairperson, 605 Columbia Mills Court) provided a successful update on the recent invasive English ivy removal event at Gouley Park alongside the Boy Scouts. A future budget request for specialized public tools will be submitted during budget season.

Committee Openings: No specific applications or appointments were raised during this segment for the Historical Commission.

Solicitor's & Engineer's Reports

- **Solicitor's Report:** No additional updates outside of regular agenda items.
- **Engineer's Report:** No additional updates outside of regular agenda items.

Open Public Comment: Stop Sign at Laurel and Beaumont

- Formally noted and integrated into the Government Relations Report.
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1. Public Safety Committee Report (Max Cooper)

- **a. EMS Updates:** The committee continues to analyze multi-community property data to evaluate a future fee structure and build an EMS authority budget.
 - *Public Announcement:* The first public EMS town hall meeting will take place on **April 30th at 7:00 pm** at Strath Haven Middle School.
- **b. Fire Committee:** Interim Chief O'Rourke is currently holding technical discussions to unify and improve multi-department fire services.
 - **Motion:** To appoint Commissioner Max Cooper and resident (former Vice Chair) Matt Garson to the Fire Committee Working Group.
 - **Vote:** Approved 7-0.

2. Government Relations Report (Mike Keller)

- **a. Beaumont and Laurel Stop Sign:**
 - **Motion:** To adopt Ordinance No. 867, amending Chapter 243-37 section B. of the township code to establish a mandatory three-way stop intersection at Laurel Lane and Beaumont Drive.
 - **Vote:** Approved 7-0.
- **b. FY25 CDBG (Community Development Block Grant):**
 - **Motion:** To reject the initial under-budget contractor bids for Hepford Park improvements in order to rescope the project with step-wise path additions (stretching from the snack bar to the rear playground) to maximize the \$131,000 grant award without financial risk.
 - **Vote:** Approved 7-0.

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

- **a. Furness Park Zen Garden:** Recognized and thanked Eagle Scout Philip Vieira (Troop 277) for successfully completing his Zen Garden installation project near the Turner Road entrance.
- **b. Houston Park Trail/Streambank Project:** Stream restoration and construction are slated to officially begin on April 27th.

4. Finance and Administration Committee Report (Kaitlin McKenzie)

- Bills List:
 - **Motion:** To approve the primary bills list (\$328,797.61), secondary list (\$110,442.00), and P-Card expenditures (\$27,584.09).
 - **Vote:** Approved unanimously 7-0.

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

- **a. EAC Updates - Liquid Natural Gas:**
 - **Motion:** To adopt a resolution opposing the expansion and safety impacts of regional Liquid Natural Gas (LNG) export practices, backing previous studies submitted by the EAC.
 - **Vote:** Approved 7-0.
- **b. Historical Commission Updates:** None.
- **c. Bulk Trash Event:** Announced the upcoming Bulk Trash Drop-off Event on **Saturday, April 25th** (10:00 am onward) split between Hepford Park and the South Media Fire Station. Electronics and hazardous waste are excluded; resident ID required.

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

- **a. Public Works Report:** Noted routine seasonal operations, including the reinstallation of neighborhood traffic speed bumps.

7. Building and Zoning Committee Report (Alex Hillemeier)

- **a. None:** No items brought forward.

Manager's Report

- No formal administrative additions or report actions taken.

Adjournment

- The meeting adjourned to move into Executive Session.
- **Next Session:** Workshop Meeting scheduled for **Thursday, May 14, 2026.**