

Nether Providence Township Board of Commissioners

Meeting Minutes – July 23, 2026

Call to Order & Roll Call

- **Presiding Officer:** Max Cooper (Vice President, standing in for President)
 - **Commissioners Present:**
 - Max Cooper
 - Mike Keller
 - Shaina Barnes
 - Robert O'Connor
 - Alex Hillemeyer
 - **Commissioners Absent:**
 - Beth Henry
 - Kaitlin McKenzie
 - **Staff & Officials Present:**
 - Maureen Feyas (Township Manager)
 - Robert Scott (Township Solicitor)
 - Charles (Township Engineer / Catania Engineering)
 - David Splain (Police Chief)
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Swearing In of New Officer

- Police Chief / Board introduced new police officer **James Williams**.
 - **Swearing-in Ceremony:** Officer James Williams was officially sworn in as a police officer for the Nether Providence Police Department.
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Public Comment

None

Administrative / General Business

- **Historical Commission Openings:** Announcement requesting interested community members to apply for open seats on the Historical Commission.
- **Approval of Minutes:**
 - **February 26 Minutes:** Motion to approve passed **5–0**.

- **March 26 Minutes:** Motion to approve passed **5–0**.
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Solicitor's Report

- **Solicitor Robert Scott** introduced **Jason Land Goodman**, a new attorney with his firm, who will be attending Township meetings.
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Engineer's Report

- Addressed during individual committee agenda topics.
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Committee Reports

1. Building and Zoning Committee Report (Alex Hillemeier)

- **Baltimore Pike & Beatty Road** (Spotless Car Wash Development):
 - Speakers: Mark Mika (Attorney, Media, PA) and John Lombardo (Client/Developer, Spotless Car Wash).

Former Rite Aid site (Baltimore Pike, Beatty Rd, Providence Rd). Demolition is underway to redevelop the parcel into a flagship car wash.

Traffic & Access Changes:

- Baltimore Pike: Remains a left-in, right-in/right-out configuration using existing turn lanes.
- Providence Road: Converted to exit-only.
- Beatty Road: Old drive-thru exit is walled off; restricted strictly to emergency access.

PennDOT Signal & Agreement: Developer agreed to fund traffic signal improvements/studies for the Baltimore Pike & Beatty Rd signal. If PennDOT opts out of modifications, the developer funds will be redirected to other Township traffic projects.

Board Action: Approved executing and submitting the PennDOT TE-160 signal modification form (5–0).

2. Public Safety Committee Report (Max Cooper)

- **EMS Updates:** Joint EMS working group meeting announced for **September 2, 2026, at 7:00 PM** at Strath Haven Middle School for all participating municipal boards to vote on the Articles of Incorporation for a multi-municipal EMS agency.
- **Fire Committee: Regionalization Process & Working Groups:** Several months prior, the Township convened all local firehouses to initiate a regionalization plan led by the Interim Fire Chief. Active working groups are in place, attended by two members from each firehouse (including Garden City Fire Company and South Media Fire Company). Focuses on joint strategy and volunteer recruitment. Monitors call responses to ensure equitable dispatch distribution across all firehouses. Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs): Aligning independent procedures into unified operating guidelines. Dedicated to long-term financial planning and coordination across companies. The Township will continue to receive separate budget proposals from South Media and Garden City firehouses for the upcoming budget year. A joint fleet replacement schedule is being established. The Township is exploring trading in older parts of the fleet to offset vehicle costs. The fire service has access to low-interest financing programs through the Volunteer Fire Loan Program, which offers interest rates significantly lower than traditional commercial loans, offering key savings for fire. Next Fire Regionalization Meeting: Scheduled for **September 15, 2026, at 6:00 PM** at the Township Building. Commissioners and fire service members will attend.
- **Walkable Wallingford 2.0:** Seeking community members and technical/planning experts to join the group to lead research and pedestrian safety/transit planning.

3. Government Relations Report (Mike Keller)

- **Brookhaven Rd – Providence Rd – Byre Lane No Parking Ordinance:**
 - Discussion on safety and line-of-sight concerns caused by parked cars on the shoulder near the Public Works entry/exit driveways.
 - Motion to authorize Solicitor Bob Scott to draft a No Parking ordinance along Brookhaven Road from Providence Road to Byre Lane.
 - **Vote:** Approved 5–0.

4. Parks and Open Space Committee Report (Beth Henry – Absent / Presented by Engineer)

- **Parks Updates:** None.
- **CDBG Hepford Park:** Engineer updated on the awarded parking lot/walkway contract (\$123,336 bid). Contractor requested modifications due to a bid calculation error; Township is requiring the contractor to honor the bid or default before moving to the second lowest bidder (\$156,000).

5. Finance and Administration Committee Report (Kaitlin McKenzie – Absent / Presented by Max Cooper)

- **Bills List:** Discussion deferred to the next meeting.
- **Turner Rd Guiderail:** Received two proposals (Long Fence at \$14,975; Common Equals at \$15,790).

- Motion to award the Turner Road guiderail installation contract to Long Fence for \$14,975.
 - **Vote:** Approved 5–0.
- **Verizon Cable Franchise Renewal Agreement:** 5-year agreement including an \$8,000 technology grant for municipal building upgrades.
 - Motion to approve the 5-year Verizon Cable Franchise Renewal Agreement, including the \$8,000 grant.
 - **Vote:** Approved 5–0.

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

- **EAC Updates:** July meeting was cancelled due to elevator construction. Next meeting is August 4, 2026, at 7:00 PM. Launching a speaker series starting September 1 featuring Master Gardener Megan Carter.
- **Historical Commission – Leiper House Committee:** Formed a new subcommittee (Leiper House Committee) to address repairs, maintenance, and funding for the historic Leiper House. Meetings will be held the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7:00 PM at the Township Building.

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

- **Resolution for Multi-Modal Transportation Grant (Phase VII):** Application for \$1,154,450 (0% match) for sidewalk installation along Providence Road from Mother of Providence / Large School to Waterford Way.
 - Motion to approve the grant application resolution.
 - **Vote:** Approved 5–0.
- **Project Award (Rose Valley to Putters):** Multi-modal grant project. Received 7 bids, with the low bidder being Rocklin Construction at \$43,975. Currently performing due diligence prior to formal award.
- **Providence Rd Aqua Project:** Aqua began water main replacement along Providence Rd on July 20, expected to be completed by the end of December (work hours 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM).
- **Road Resurfacing Beginning:** Township road resurfacing program started July 22 and will last approximately two weeks.
- **PECO Work on School Ln:** PECO completed work and offered a **\$17,838.89** contribution toward the final repaving of affected areas.
 - Motion to accept the \$17,838.89 contribution from PECO.
 - **Vote:** Approved 5–0.
- **Public Works Report:** Maintenance update provided, including inlet/storm sewer repairs on Leslie Ln, Governor's Dr, and Millennial Dr; storm pipe repair at Osborne & Rose Valley Rd; new sewer camera training; and fall leaf collection equipment prep.

Manager's Report

- **Maureen Fasano** announced a free mammogram screening event hosted by the Delaware County Health Department and the City Kimmel Cancer Center of Thomas Jefferson University on **Wednesday, August 26, 2026 (9:00 AM – 3:00 PM)** in Yeadon, PA.
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