

Board of Commissioners of Nether Providence Township Meeting Minutes – September 10, 2026

Attendance: Township Manager Maureen Feyas, Township Solicitor Robert Scott, Township Engineer Catania

- Commissioner Kait McKenzie (Ward 4)
- Commissioner Mike Keller (Ward 2)
- Commissioner Max Cooper (Ward 1)
- Commissioner Beth Henry (Ward 3)
- Commissioner Hillemeier (Ward 7)
- Commissioner Robert O'Connor (Ward 6)
- Commissioner Barnes Absent

Executive Session Announcement

- An Executive Session will be held following tonight's public meeting.

Public Hearing

- Proposed No Parking on W. Brookhaven Rd. between Providence Rd. & Byre Ln.
None

Public Comment

- **Chris & Darlene Golas (755 W. Brookhaven Rd)**

Pedestrian & Transit Hazards: An ~0.8-mile stretch of W. Brookhaven Road lacks any crosswalks, leaving residents and transit users (including elderly SEPTA commuters) unable to cross the busy state route safely. **Shoulder Passing Risks:** Drivers frequently bypass left-turning cars by swerving onto the shoulder, endangering pedestrians and cyclists standing near the roadway. **Infrastructure Requests:** Submitted formal requests for a PennDOT TE-113 Pedestrian Evaluation, high-visibility crosswalks with RRFB beacons, and flexible delineator posts along the shoulder to prevent illegal bypasses. **Outstanding Utility Hole:** Reported an abandoned utility pole and a plywood-covered excavation site with exposed wiring left unrestored for nearly six years.

Board Discussion & Technical Considerations: PennDOT Study & Crosswalks: Township Engineer Charles noted that PennDOT step-by-step coordination and traffic counts are required. President Kaitlin McKenzie added that PennDOT state routes pose challenges when shoulders lack continuous sidewalks. Commissioner Mike Keller confirmed the township will direct the traffic consultant to scope and cost the preliminary TE-113 study. **Shoulder Delineators:** Commissioner Max Cooper recommended exploring state bike/pedestrian grants. Charles cautioned that flexible pylons on state roads present winter snow-plowing obstacles for PennDOT. The Township Engineer will evaluate traffic volume and feasibility along the shoulder corridor. **Utility Hole & Pole:**

Board members expressed frustration over the unaddressed six-year-old hazard in the right-of-way. Township staff will contact PECO and Verizon regarding remediation. **SEPTA Integration:** The Board noted transit stop activity helps justify crosswalk warrants under state criteria. The township will coordinate with SEPTA to log bus usage and ensure proper stop signage. **Next Steps-** Add W. Brookhaven Road to the Township's master Pedestrian Safety Priority Matrix. Issue formal outreach to PECO/Verizon regarding the excavation site. Authorize the preliminary engineering review for the PennDOT TE-113 evaluation.

Ira Josephs (430 Washington Ave.) Requested completion/resurfacing of the remaining portions of the Leiper-Smedley Trail. Noted washout maintenance issues on the Turner Rd. trail and expressed appreciation for the platform extension into Furness Park.

Committee Openings

- Vacancies remain on the **Historical Commission**; residents are encouraged to apply.

Approval of Minutes

- **Motion:** Move to approve the Board of Commissioners meeting minutes from August 13, 2026.
- **Vote:** Passed 6–0.

Solicitor's & Engineer's Reports

- No standalone report items outside of scheduled agenda committee topics.

Committee Reports

1. Public Safety Committee Report (Max Cooper)

- **EMS Updates:** Delaware County Municipal Emergency Services Authority (DCMESA) state approval pending with DCED. A full operational transition is anticipated for early 2027.
- **Fire Committee:** September 15 meeting canceled (new date TBD); recruitment/retention committee continues progress on a November federal grant application. Next meeting of the recruitment/retention committee is October 6.
- **Walkable Wallingford 2.0:** Staff pursuing technical planning assistance and feasibility grants via Delco Planning Department.
- **Governors Dr. Safety:** Traffic speed study (2,600+ vehicles analyzed) showed average speed of 24 mph in a 25 mph zone. Board discussed potential traffic volume mitigation options.

2. Government Relations Report (Mike Keller)

- **W. Brookhaven Rd. No Parking Ordinance:**
 - **Motion:** Adopt Ordinance No. 869 amending Chapter 243-40 (Schedule 8) prohibiting parking at all times on Brookhaven Rd. from Providence Rd. to Byre Ln.
 - **Vote:** Passed 6–0.
- **700 Block Brookhaven Rd. Safety Follow-up:** Township engineer instructed to prepare preliminary study/quote for PennDOT pedestrian study; staff following up with PECO/utilities regarding open excavation.

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

- Fencing around players' benches/warm-up areas completed at Hepford and Bullens Lane Parks.
- Houston Park trail restoration project has commenced.
- Soccer nets moved temporarily to Hepford Field for Nether Providence Athletic Association.

4. Finance and Administration Committee Report (Kaitlin McKenzie)

- **Turner Rd. Guiderail & Split Rail Fence:**
 - Guiderail installation scheduled to begin shortly followed by fencing installation.
 - **Motion:** Accept quote from JGM Landscaping for \$12,875 for split-rail fencing installation following guiderail work.
 - **Vote:** Passed 6–0.
- **2027 Pension Minimum Municipal Obligation (MMO):**
 - **Motion:** Adopt Resolution 2026-15 allocating \$427,696 to the Police Pension Plan and \$96,946 to the Non-Uniformed Pension Plan (Total \$524,642).
 - **Vote:** Passed 6–0.
- **100 Harvey Rd. Escrow Reduction:**
 - **Motion:** Reduce completion bond escrow for 100 Harvey Rd. to \$5,000 as recommended by township engineer.
 - **Vote:** Passed 6–0.

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

- **EAC Speaker Series:** Dr. Woody Kotch presenting on nesting/overwintering habitats on October 6 at 7:00 PM.

- **Historical Commission / Leiper House Committee:** Next meeting September 16 at 7:00 PM; sub-committee actively working on facility restoration plans.
- **Family Fun Day:** Scheduled for October 10 (12:00 PM–3:00 PM) at Strath Haven Middle School parking lot. Volunteers needed; sign-up coming soon.

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

- **Public Works Report:** Ongoing stormwater inlet repairs, sanitary maintenance, road striping, and sinkhole investigations.
- **Sycamore Ln. Sinkhole & Sewer Line Replacement:**
 - **Motion:** Accept low quote from SWERP Inc. in the amount of \$19,880 for sanitary sewer line replacement.
 - **Vote:** Passed 6–0.
- **Providence Rd. Aqua Work:** Shifting to nighttime construction hours (Mon–Thu, 7:00 PM–5:00 AM) starting September 14. Completion extended to early 2027.
- **Curbside Leaf Schedule:** Collection runs weekly starting October 12 through December 7.

7. Building and Zoning Committee Report (Alex Hillemeier)

- No formal action items; status update provided on progress at "The Mews" development along Moore Rd.

Manager's Report

- No additional items reported.

Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned to Executive Session.
- **Next Meeting:** Legislative Meeting on September 24, 2026