

Mill Street Heights Swale Meeting
November 10, 2021
7:00 pm

The Board of Supervisors met with the residents of Mill Street Heights for the purpose of discussing the water and proposed swale repair issues. Rick Kreitzer and Dean Patches in attendance. Bill Bering was absent. Also in attendance were Brent Ramsey, Trish Harris, and twelve (12) residents.

Supervisor Patches provided a brief history of the project. In 2014 the Township made an unsuccessful attempt at a project to improve water issues in the area between E. Chestnut Street and Swatara Circle. There are known issues from run-off from a neighboring municipality which may be a contributing factor to this problem. The Township has no jurisdiction to compel cooperation from another municipal entity. The Township called this meeting in an attempt to remediate water issues that are affecting the residents.

Brent Ramsey, Township Engineer, presented a design which has been developed in conjunction with the Northern Lebanon County Authority. The proposed swale work is adjacent to a sewer easement and their input was necessary for the development of this plan. This plan is going to address the inadequate flow of water through the swale to the basin. The slope in this area hinders the flow of water. The proposed design will consist of the installation of a concrete sleeve to protect the sewer line and hold a pipe to convey the water. When asked, Mr. Ramsey indicated that this project could move to bidding by next Summer.

Residents in attendance expressed concerns about various issues. The issues presented were:

- Water entering yards and basements and the situation has been worsening over time.
- Noticeable amounts of water from uphill properties.
- An inquiry was made as to whether sheds and fences needed to be removed from the swale.
- Concerns regarding water runoff coming from Jonestown Borough.
- Concerns that an existing Township-owned inlet is not being properly maintained.
- The cost of the project and how the cost will be allocated to the residents.

Supervisor Patches explained that the project is currently estimated to cost \$71,200.00. The deed notes for the swale indicate that it is the responsibility of the property owners but the Township has no intention of passing the full cost to the residents. The Township plans to hold another meeting after the holidays to discuss the matter further. Any financial responsibility that will be allocated to the residents will be done with written agreements and payment plans will be offered.

Supervisor Kreitzer assured the residents that the issues with the inlets will be investigated and addressed immediately.

With no further comment or discussion, the meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Trish Harris