

Mill Street Heights Swale Meeting
February 24, 2022

The Board of Supervisors met with the residents of Mill Street Heights for the purpose of presenting the plans for the repair of the swale. Bill Bering, Jr. and Dean Patches in attendance. Rick Kreitzer was absent. Also in attendance Trish Harris, Jennifer Harding and six (6) residents.

Supervisor Bering opened the informational meeting at 7:00 p.m. Copies of the plan and cost estimates were provided to all present.

The finances of the project were discussed. Supervisor Patches outlined the problems that this project hoped to correct. He made the suggestion of a maximum \$3,000 financial contribution from each property owner. Once bid, the final costs would be known. If the cost of the project proves to be less than \$51,000, then the prices per household will be reduced. The Township is agreeable to payment plans which can be established through the Township Office. A price reduction will be established for anyone who would like to pay the full amount in advance. Any price increases will be covered by the Township, in addition to the legal and engineering costs already paid for by the Township.

The concerns presented by the residents included:

- A request to see the calculations that this swale will handle the actual volume of water.
- An inquiry if all of the obstacles will be removed from the swale and if not, how will the swale be efficient.
- Assurances that the grates will be cleaned regularly.
- That this should be a community burden and not just those homes adjacent to the swale.
- Maintenance notes on deeds are seen as a reference to mowing, not construction.
- Questioning why Jonestown Borough is not contributing to the cost since they are a source of water.
- The suggestion was made that the Township should take the swale because it is useless to the residents.
- The request for the implementation of a stormwater tax was made.

The issues that could be addressed by the Supervisors were. However, the residents were requested to attend the March 10th Township Meeting when action would be officially taken. The stormwater notes from the original subdivision plan and requested calculations would be obtained from the professional staff and made available at the March meeting. After the meeting a letter will be sent out to all residents along the swale regarding the project proceeding.

The discussion ended at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Harding