

**Rosedale Public Meeting Notes
Lower Swatara Township Building
March 14, 2019**

About eighty property owners received letters requesting easements on their properties. Some received letters requesting temporary easements, others received letters requesting permanent easements, and a third group received letters requesting both temporary and permanent easements. These easements are being requested as part of a township construction project whose purpose is to reduce flooding in the Rosedale area. A meeting was held on March 14 for the property owners who received these letters. The purpose of the meeting was to explain the project, to answer questions, and to accept and notarize the easements from those owners willing to do so on that evening.

Township Officials in attendance:

Jon Wilt-President of the Board, Todd Truntz-Vice-President of the Board, Ron Paul-Assistant Secretary
Betsy McBride-Township Manager, Peter Henninger-Township Solicitor

HRG Representatives in attendance:

Jason Hinz, Jack Hildebrand, Shawn Fabian

Agenda:

- Betsy McBride – Introductions
- Jason Hinz –
 - Project Description
 - Easement types discussion
 - Parking plan
 - Schedule of work – Late 2019/early 2020 start
 - Duration of work – 1 year expected duration, weather may cause delays
 - Questions and answers

Questions:

1. What will be the order of installation for the improvements?
The contractor has not yet been selected to know their full installation plan, but it is anticipated that installation will generally progress from downslope to upslope. Construction is expected to proceed one street at a time, in increments.
2. What is the extent of the easements? What is the difference between green and red coloring on the maps?
This question is best answered on an individual basis as there are differences in the easements by property owner. Discussions were held with residents following the meeting to answer their specific questions. Easements in green are temporary construction easements to facilitate storage/travel during construction and to allow for full width road resurfacing. Easements in red are permanent drainage easements to allow Township or their designees to access and maintain storm sewer improvements.

3. What notification will be given to residents of the start of work?
The construction contract will require a two week notification, however an attempt to give as much advance notice as possible will be made. Notifications may be in the form of signage, mailers, door hangers, and/or updates posted on the Township website.
4. Why is the easement duration 3 years? There is a preference to say 2-3 months within this 3 year period.
The 3 year period is to avoid the need for an easement extension should the project start become delayed. Also, this timeframe allows for the 1 year warranty period on the work following completion of the project should repairs need to occur so easements do not need to be renegotiated.
5. What type of inlets are being installed?
The inlets will be pre-cast concrete boxes with underground piping and grates to allow surface stormwater drainage into them.
6. Will a home being listed for sale be negatively impacted?
Any temporary impacts due to construction should be offset by the critical infrastructure improvements of the new stormsewer system and paving at project completion.
7. There is currently flooding at Mountain View Drive and Market Street each runoff event, will this be addressed with the new design?
Yes, new inlets and pavement resurfacing are planned for this intersection to address the flooding issue.
8. Specific questions on access and service interruption during construction were asked, including: access to homes, parking, mail service, trash service, school bus stops, leaf removal, snow removal, emergency services access and any construction projects at the affected homes like roof replacements.
Construction is intended to be performed during normal business hours and restored at the end of every workday to allow access. As is standard practice for a project of this scope and magnitude, upon selection of a Contractor and acceptance of a construction schedule, coordination with waste pick-up service entities, School District officials, and the postal service will take place to ensure that service is maintained during construction. Options exist for alternative parking arrangements such as signing streets to be one-way traffic to allow for on street parking where construction is active. Advance notice will also be given to affected property owners to alert them of any interruptions to their normal level of service and made aware of any accommodations which may be necessary.
9. What will happen with construction equipment storage?
Contractor equipment will be stored on the street in a coned off area.
10. What is the plan for line repainting following paving? There is concern that resident parking disputes will worsen should a clear repainting plan not be provided.
Parking space lines will be repainted in-kind after final pavement is completed. Locations of existing markings will be documented by the Contractor so they can be restored to match their pre-existing state.

11. What will happen if a resident refuses to sign?
Lower Swatara Township would prefer for residents to sign as these improvements will benefit them directly for improved stormwater flow control and new road/parking space pavement. The Township does have the right of condemnation available to them to complete the full project, but would prefer to not exercise this right.
12. Will there be trenches in the workspace?
Trenching for storm sewer installation will be necessary in the public right of way and some locations where permanent drainage easements are being acquired.
13. Will trenches be open overnight?
No, all trenches must be closed and made passable by the end of each workday.
14. What will be the liability of individual landowners for any injuries during construction?
The contractor and any of their subcontractors are required to carry extensive insurance policies in an attempt to mitigate any of these issues, should they occur.
15. What will be the impact to existing privately owned utilities?
Public utility providers are required to field mark their infrastructure ahead of construction per the PA One Call law. Any damage cause to these utilities or private utilities owned by the residents during construction will be repaired promptly.
16. What will be the correction period for issues?
A one year warranty on the work will be provided by the contractor.
17. Can residents be listed as additional insured on the insurance provided by the contractor in addition to the Township?
Peter Henninger – Township Solicitor will research into this and report back to residents on his findings.
18. How will bus stops be maintained? Know stops mentioned were Mountain View & Brentwood, Hanover & Market, Hanover & Mountain View.
When the contractor is selected and the final schedule for construction is solidified, coordination with the contractor and the school district will occur to discuss any necessary modifications to allow for bus service to continue.
19. There is “S” Type curbing in front of homes now in many locations, will this curb be restored?
Curb located in the public right of way will be replaced with vertical curbing. Curb on private property is not planned for replacement.
20. What if damage to personal property occurs, such as damage to handrails, sidewalk, curb or lawn areas?
The contractor will be liable for all damage they may cause to personal property.