

Stormwater Remediation Project at Dodds and Rockdale Roads Meeting

Purpose: Penn Township, HRG, Butler County Conservation District, Connoquenessing Water Shed Alliance, Central Electric, and Brightspeed representatives met at 1:00 pm on May 23, 2023, at the Penn Township Municipal Building, 157 East Airport Road, Butler, PA 16002 for the Stormwater Remediation Project at Dodds and Rockdale Roads.

Attending:

- Chris Robinson – Central Electric
- Dave Andrews – Connoquenessing Water Shed Alliance
- Devin Dunwoody - HRG
- Doug Roth – Penn Township, Supervisor
- Michael Montag – Brightspeed
- Ryan Harr - Butler County Conservation District
- Sam Ward – Penn Township, Supervisor

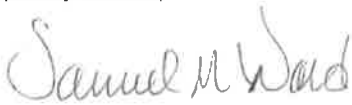
Distribution of minutes:

- Attending
- Ben Gilberti – HRG Engineer
- Bert Mowry – Penn Township, Supervisor
- Clinton Bonetti – Penn Township Land Use Administrator
- Jerry Andre – Professional Municipal Consultant
- Kimberly Geyer – Butler County Commissioner
- Linda Zerfoss – Penn Township Manager
- Mark Gordon – Butler County
- Robert Wolthers – Armstrong Utilities

Discussion:

- HRG reviewed the Stormwater Mitigation project Draft Plan set, dated May 9, 2023.
- The attendees discussed adding a parking area close to Thorn Creek for the fishermen. Doug Roth suggested that this parking area would be addressed at a later date.
- HRG confirmed that the low communications wiring clearances shown on the drawing are approximately 19' and 20' above the new roadway. Brightspeed representative, Michael Montag, stated that a minimum of 18' is required.
- HRG will be working on identifying the proposed wetland mitigation area, the required permits, and the design of the stormwater relief areas.
- HRG identified that there will be approximately 0.75 acres of new property area required and approximately 0.25 acres of existing road that will be abandoned.
- HRG advised that there are approximately 5,000 cubic yards of fill required. One potential source of suitable stone fill material is the Raducz Stone Quarry, 313 Pittsburgh Road, Butler, PA 16002. After the meeting, Sam Ward spoke with Raducz Stone Quarry representative, Ed Scheller (724-991-5670), who confirmed that this quantity of suitable stone fill material is available. HRG will include in the project specifications that the contractor will coordinate obtaining the fill from this or other sources. Penn Township prefers that the trucking route from the Raducz Stone Quarry follow Route 8 South to Dinnerbell Road, then East to Rockdale Road to avoid the large volume of heavy truck traffic on Penn Township roads.
- Central Electric representative, Chris Robinson, reviewed the existing power pole locations relative to the proposed new roadway. Mr. Robinson stated that the existing wire spans are longer than desired and suggested that Central Electric pole no. CE11672 be replaced with two new power poles closer to Thorn Creek and away from the proposed fill area. This will reduce the wire span to a more acceptable distance. Central Electric and Brightspeed do not anticipate that any costs will be charged to the project at this time. Penn Township will contact Armstrong Utilities representative, Rob Wolthers (724-421-4434 and rwolthers@agoc.com) to determine they will have costs to charge to the project.
- Brightspeed reviewed the existing communications wiring locations relative to the proposed new roadway. The communications wiring will be moved to the proposed two new Central Electric power poles.
- Central Electric will install the new power poles once the new road alignment is confirmed.
- Connoquenessing Water Shed Alliance representative, Dave Andrews, advised that Phil Hay and Sons Excavating, Inc. has completed several similar stream improvement projects.
- Dave Andrews suggested that Penn Township contact the PA Fish and Boat Commission to start design for the stream improvements construction. This activity could begin later this year.
- Penn Township authorized HRG to have their survey crew layout and flag the limits of the proposed fill slope on the South side of the new roadway to confirm that the location does not impact the Rossi property's large trees. HRG will advise when the survey crew is available. Then, Penn Township will meet with Mr. and Mrs. John Rossi to review the plans and proposed limit of fill.
- The proposed roadway is on the Rossi property. However, other properties and the Saxonburg Area Authority ROW may be impacted by the stream mitigation which is to be determined.
- The Penn Township Solicitor, Christopher Reese, Esq., has advised several options to obtain ROWs or property to implement the stormwater project. Penn Township will discuss these options with the affected property owners.
- Doug Roth discussed establishing a scope of work for the Butler County Conservation District Dirt and Gravel Roads grant application.
- Dave Andrews stated that a GP1 permit is required and suggested that the budget for stream improvements would be approximately \$100,000. The work could be completed in the Fall of 2023.
- Butler County Conservation District representative, Ryan Harr, suggested that Penn Township could use the "Volunteer Labor Rate" to include in their "Local Match" for the project.
- Doug Roth identified properties on Dutchtown Road and near Route 8 as possible set-aside areas for wetland and floodwater mitigation. Penn Township will contact Robin Geible (724-629-5225) to discuss obtaining part of his property near Route 8.
- The next meeting will be scheduled as soon as more information is available and will be held in the Penn Township Municipal Building meeting room. The meeting concluded at 2:10 pm.
- Minutes of the meeting will be posted on the Penn Township website, www.penntownship.org under "Documents" in the "Stormwater Remediation Project at Dodds and Rockdale Roads" folder.

Respectfully submitted,



Samuel M. Ward, Supervisor