

Stormwater Remediation Project at Dodds and Rockdale Roads Meeting

Purpose: Penn Township, Connoquenessing Water Shed Alliance, HRG, and Phil Hay & Sons Excavating representatives met at 9:00 a.m. on September 20, 2023, at the project site located at the intersection of Dodds and Rockdale Roads, Butler, PA 16002 for the Stormwater Remediation Project at Dodds and Rockdale Roads to discuss the fish habitat improvement plans in Thorn Creek.

Attending:

- Dave Andrews – Connoquenessing Water Shed Alliance
- Devin Dunwoody - HRG
- Doug Roth – Penn Township, Supervisor
- Drew Hay – Phil Hay & Sons Excavating
- Rob Wise – Phil Hay & Sons Excavating
- Sam Ward – Penn Township, Supervisor

Distribution of minutes:

- Attending
- Ben Gilberti – HRG Engineer
- Bert Mowry – Penn Township, Supervisor
- Chris Robinson – Central Electric
- Christopher Reese – Penn Township Solicitor
- Clinton Bonetti – Penn Township Land Use Administrator
- Dan Wible – Penn Township, PWD Foreman
- Jerry Andree – Professional Municipal Consultant
- Joshua Horstman – Penn Township, PWD
- Kimberly Geyer – Butler County Commissioner
- Linda and Robert Cunningham - Residents
- Linda Zerfoss – Penn Township Manager
- Lynette and John Rossi – Residents
- Mark Gordon – Butler County
- Michael Montag – Brightspeed
- Patricia and Curtis Larrimer – Residents
- Robert Wolthers – Armstrong Utilities
- Ryan Harr - Butler County Conservation District
- Thomas and Sandra Geiser – Residents

Discussion:

- The Fish Habitat Improvement plans in Thorn Creek, shown in drawing nos. MITDT-1 and 2, were prepared by the Stream Section, Habitat Management Division of the PA Fish and Boat Commission and the Connoquenessing Watershed Alliance.
- This work is not included in the scope of work for the Dodds Road Realignment that is currently out to bid on PennBID.
- Penn Township will purchase all materials required, including logs, root wads, stone, rebar, and plants. Penn Township will perform the seeding and mulching. Penn Township will stockpile materials at the Public Works Department (PWD) facility.
- It was determined that the equipment and labor for the work in Thorn Creek may be less than the threshold to require bidding.
- Phill Hay & Sons Excavating, Inc. will submit a proposal to Penn Township for this labor and equipment in Thorn Creek.
- Phill Hay & Sons Excavating, Inc. will provide a list of suppliers for the required materials to Penn Township.
- Penn Township can use the Fish Commission's donated labor and materials as part of their local share for the project.
- HRG has submitted documentation for all permits which are anticipated to be available in the 2024 second quarter.
- The Road Realignment is scheduled to begin in June 2024.
- The Thorn Creek Fish Habitat Improvements will be scheduled in late May or early June 2024, just ahead of the Dodds Road Realignment, and consistent with the PA Fish and Boat Commission restrictions on working in Thorn Creek. Penn Township may request a waiver to start earlier than the restriction.
- 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 at 157 East Airport Road, Butler, PA 16002. The meeting concluded at 9:45 a.m.
- Minutes of the meeting will be posted on the Penn Township website, www.penn township.org under "Documents" in the "Stormwater Remediation Project at Dodds and Rockdale Roads" folder.

Respectfully submitted,



Samuel M. Ward, Supervisor