

Forks Township supervisors OK \$797,000 drainage swale deal

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Rebuilding a drainage swale in the original Frost Hollow subdivision in Forks Township could cost as much as \$797,000, according to a contract approved by township supervisors Thursday.

Township engineer Fred Hay said material substitutions could bring down the cost of the project, in the works for about six years. Hay said work should begin in August and will be completed by the end of September. Nimaris Construction of Bath was awarded the contract.

More than a half-mile of swale, about 3,500 feet, will be reconstructed through the subdivision, from just west of Tree Line Drive to east of Meadow Lane Drive. Hay said the existing swale was compromised over the years through sedimentation and other factors. Hay said in its current state, the swale is causing erosion and contributing to backyard flooding.

Some homes in the subdivision date to the early 1970s. The swale will carry storm water through the development, link with other swales and finally make its way down along Frost Hollow Road to Route 611 and the Delaware River.

Hay said about 20-25 properties will be affected by the work. Township officials said a meeting will be set up for residents to learn about the construction schedule and the scope of the work.

In other business, supervisors met in executive session to discuss hiring a new public works director but ended up shelving the matter until their July 21 meeting.

Supervisors also have a finance manager job to fill. Supervisor David Hoff said 16 applications were received for the job and interviews likely will start next week.

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