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2017 Gravel Road and Drainage Improvements

Here we go...

Project Update

New Market Township solicited bids for the 2017 Gravel Road and Drainage Improvement Project and awarded the Low Bidder, Rud Construction (contractor) during the August 10 Board Meeting.

Tentative Schedule

Work is expected to begin during the week of September 11, lasting approximately 3 weeks.

Occasionally, work activities will block access to your driveway or close the road for short durations at random times throughout the day. If you need to get in or out during these times, talk to the contractor's supervisor or Township Engineer and let them know.

What are we doing?

The Township will improve selected gravel roads and ditches. Many areas have no ditch, or less than adequate ditch to handle rain and snow. Trees and shrubs often impede drainage and encroach on the roadway. Visit the New Market Township website (see below) to view the plans.

Based on the bids and budgeted money, the contractor will do the following work in 2017:

- 250th St, from Jonquil Ave to Texas Ave (CR 27)
 - The budget did not allow for Capital Improvement Project work in 2017
- 250th St, from Dakota Ave to Natchez Ave (CR 91)
 - The budget will allow for tree trimming, ditch grading and culvert replacement as needed.
- Logan Way, Logan Ave, 234th Ave and Penn Ave between 245th St (CR 62) and CR 29.
 - The budget allows for tree trimming and clearing on Logan Ave, Logan Way, and Penn Ave only.
 - No ditch or culvert work will be done at this time.

The ditches will be restored with grass seed and biodegradable erosion control blanket.

Additional proposed improvements discussed during preliminary design will wait, likely until 2018, to occur. A separate bidding process and construction contract will address the remaining improvements.

Tree Trimming Details

With the exception of landscaped (ornamental) trees and bushes, the contractor will generally do the following to trim trees and bushes. For specific concerns, contact Chris McKenzie below.

- Between 0'-10' from existing roadway edge, clear all trees and bushes.
- Between 10' and 15' of the roadway edge, clear brush (buckthorn, sumac, etc...), protecting trees with diameters over 6" (measured at the base of the tree).
- Any branches extending into the road and ditch section originating from trees greater than 10' from the edge of road will be properly pruned.

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Private Utility Work

In certain areas, the gas main, telephone and fiber optic lines will be relocated prior to ditch improvements. The gas company or telephone & fiber companies will contact you with further information.

Important Reminders

- **Emergencies:** If you have an emergency situation regarding the project after working hours, please call Rud Contracting's respondent at 612.490.2373. If necessary, you may call 911.
- **Construction Safety:** Due to the nature of school bus stops in the project area, pedestrians (mostly children) must walk through the construction activities. Please remind your children to stay as far as possible from all construction activities and equipment. Construction safety is our utmost concern and your cooperation is imperative. Construction activities are extremely dangerous and we do not want any mishaps.
- **Survey Stakes and Utility Flags:** Surveyor stakes and colored utility flags will continue to be placed along streets throughout the project. They are hard to miss because they have a colored ribbon or flags tied to them. These stakes and flags guide the contractors operations. Please do not tamper with these stakes in any way. These must remain in place until the seed and blanket is placed in front of your home.
- **Yard Parties:** Please let us know now of any large events you have planned at your home. These events include, but might not be limited to, large yard parties for graduations or wedding receptions.

Questions?

Please see the www.newmarkettownship.com or

<http://newmarkettownship.com/roads-bridges/gravel-road-and-ditch-improvements/>

for information and updates. This page has been created and dedicated to this project, under the Road and Bridge section. You are also encouraged to sign up for email updates.

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