

May 13, 2009

Dear Resident:

Last Fall I sent you a letter advising you that the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection has told the Township that the Hershey Mill Dam, located at the corner of Greenhill Road and Hershey Mill Road does not meet their current requirements. Their concern is that during a major rainfall event the dam could overtop and possibly fail.

One of the Department's other concerns is that if one of the trees that are located on the dam blew down it could also cause the dam to fail and they have advised the Township that it needs to remove all of the trees from the dam.

At the present time we have identified two alternatives. One would involve the creation of some type of emergency spillway. The other would be to breach the dam. The installation of the emergency spillway would require the removal of all of trees on the dam. However, if the dam was breached it would only be necessary to remove the 3-4 trees that are near the existing spillway.

While the Board of Supervisors has not made a decision about which alternative to proceed with they believe that it is important to take some action with respect to the trees.

In accordance with Township policy this letter is being sent to all property owners within 1,000 feet of the Hershey Mill Dam and its purpose is to let you know this matter will be on the agenda for the Board of Supervisors formal meeting on June 2, 2009 at 8:00 pm the Township Building.

There is information on the Hershey Mill Dam at the "For Your Information" section of Township Web Page (www.eastgoshen.org). Please give me a call at 610-692-7171 or e-mail me at rsmith@eastgoshen.org if you have any questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,

Louis F. Smith, Jr.
Township Manager