

## **Park Avenue/Eagleville Road/Crawford Road Intersection Improvements**

The Board of Supervisors of Lower Providence Township is proud to announce that the Township is moving forward with an important first phase to the Park/Eagleville/Crawford intersection realignment project. The Township has secured a \$1,000,000 grant from the Multimodal Transportation Fund from PennDOT to perform the preliminary engineering and final design for the project. This grant was originally awarded requiring the Township to contribute upfront costs. However, PennDOT realized the importance of performing the engineering to identify how to improve this intersection. So, they have amended the agreement to frontload the first \$775,000 of the grant towards the costs of this work without any Township matching contributions. The Township has appointed McMahon Associates to perform this analysis and design phase.

Please be aware that because of the magnitude of detailed information needed, this analysis and design phase could take a couple of years to complete. Adding to the difficulty are natural environmental factors including a stream that runs through this area in addition to a couple of bridges which will be impacted. So, extensive field survey work must first be completed to identify the impediments that will be encountered. In addition, a historic and archeological evaluation must be performed as well as an endangered species evaluation. Once the field survey work and analysis is completed, McMahon will then prepare some alternative plans to addressing this offset intersection. PennDOT and the Township will review those alternatives and determine which approach best meets the desired outcome to improve this intersection. Final design of the intersection improvements will then be completed by McMahon Associates.

While this analysis and design phase is progressing, the Township will continue to seek grant funding for the construction phase of the project. Lower Providence currently has \$2,300,000 from Audubon Land Development to apply toward the project. In addition, we have submitted another Multimodal Transportation Grant application in the amount of \$2,000,000 prior to the December 16, 2016. If awarded, this new grant money will be used toward construction costs. Over the course of the next couple of years, we will continue to work with PennDOT to identify funding sources for the construction phase of this project. As you can imagine, funding sources are reluctant to provide grants for construction purposes without shovel-ready engineered plans already in place.

The Township appreciates PennDOT's commitment to this project and we know it will take a partnership between the Township and PennDOT to see this upgraded intersection to fruition. This is a great example of an intergovernmental partnership that works to benefit the community.

The Board of Supervisors is aware that improvements to this intersection are very important to many residents and businesses. So, as we move through this analysis and design phase, we will continually provide progress updates on this web page.