



Department Head Report – Public Works

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1. Public Works staff assisted a tree removal contractor with the removal of several very large trees on Chandler Mill Road and on Hillandale Road. A crew with a crane was brought in due to the size and complexity of dropping the trees. Removal of dead trees will likely be an item of concern over the next few years as the Ash trees continue to die off.
2. Public Works met with representatives of Longwood Gardens to investigate a solution to the flooding that happens at Elmwood and Holly. The resolution is rather complex due to the age of the system, limited records, as well as the sewer formerly being a combined sewer.
3. Spar Hill
 - a. PECO was on site to remove several poles, a transformer, meters and overhead wiring that are no longer needed in the back area of the property. Electric service is still present to the main house as well as the barn.
 - b. The bonds, insurance and contracts are finalized with the contractor. A pre-construction meeting is forthcoming.
 - c. The Township continues to coordinate with the Longwood Fire Company to allow them to hold trainings in the buildings that are slated to be demolished. It was noted that this was a great and rare opportunity for training. The training does not include burning of the buildings.
 - d. Public Works initiated efforts for demolition of the small sheds at Spar Hill.
 - e. Public Works removed the large trees around the main farmhouse that have caused extensive damage to the roofing and exterior walls.
 - f. Construction (demolition) is anticipated to start in mid/late January 2023 and should be complete by mid-April.
4. Township Building rehabilitation.
 - a. Drywall repairs and painting of the main meeting room is complete (barring some touchups when the new/replacement molding arrives).
 - b. A quote for flooring has been signed and the new floor should be installed in early February.
 - c. Public Works staff repaired the studs that had been cut, cleaned the area and constructed an enclosure (closet) in the vestibule area for the new sump pump.
 - d. The meeting area is anticipated to be ready for use by March 2023.