



Officials decide on next grant priority

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Although work has yet to begin on the Riverside Drive grant project, Penn Township officials are planning their next Community Development Block Grant grant project.

Last week, officials selected a private lane along Pine Hollow Road -- which will be named Sloan Drive -- as the top priority for the federal grant program once work is completed on another grant project.

Engineer Vince Seyko said he expects to award a bid for work on Riverside Drive -- which includes drainage work and paving -- in January. Though the township received funds for that project, it is likely to receive funding for Sloan Drive.

"A lot of times, when you have a project such as this, there are monies available," Seyko said. "Sloan Drive is really a nuisance road. It drains a lot, it creates water problems, it creates icing and there's no drainage down there. A lot of debris comes down and hits Pine Hollow Road, and by fixing that, it's really going to save a lot in that area."

MuniciPAY

Township residents soon will be able to use credit cards to pay for fees.

Officials approved a deal with Nationwide Payment Solutions - MuniciPAY to allow residents to use credit cards to pay for building permits, occupancy permits and other services provides by the township.

"This is something that the township has talked about for quite a few years," township manager Bruce Light said. "They always decided not to do so because of the associated fees that we would have to tack on to our costs."

With MuniciPAY, the township doesn't have to pay for any service fees. Those who pay with a credit card will incur a minimum \$1.50 convenience charge or 2.45 percent of the transaction.

Light said the contract is open-ended and can be broken by either party at anytime.