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Delaware Riverkeeper Network Invites Public to Attend Tinicum Twp., Bucks County Board of Supervisors Meeting to Hear Experts Discuss How and Why Historic Headquarter's Road Bridge Can be Repaired

Bucks County, Pa, Tinicum Township and Bucks County residents are being urged to attend this upcoming Tuesday's (October 15) Tinicum Township Board of Supervisor's meeting. Two experts will discuss why repairing the Headquarter's Road Bridge is in the best interests of Tinicum Township and Bucks County.

PennDOT wants to replace the bridge which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places as a key element at the center of the Ridge Valley Historic District.

"PennDOT has been asserting that rehabilitation is not an option and that replacement is the only viable choice for the Headquarters Road Bridge, but these experts will make clear that not only is rehabilitation a viable option, but it is the best option for the bridge, the community, and the creek," said **Maya van Rossum, the Delaware Riverkeeper**. "PennDOT has been giving a lopsided picture of the situation here, the presentations on Tuesday are aimed at righting that wrong," van Rossum added.

It was just last year when Tinicum Township residents celebrated the 200th birthday for the bridge. The bridge crosses the main stem of the Tinicum Creek, a federally listed Wild and Scenic River and a state listed Exceptional Value Watershed.

According to Delaware Riverkeeper Maya van Rossum, “Demolition and replacement of the current bridge would threaten water quality. We have seen the damage PennDOT bridge replacement projects have inflicted on streams in Bucks County. We don’t want to see this pristine stream ruined.”

Residents have also raised concerns that PennDOT’s plans to build a two lane crossing will lead to more traffic and to motorists travelling at faster speeds on Headquarters Road, creating significant safety issues.

Doug Bond, a structural engineer with McMullan and Associates of Vienna, Virginia and Mark Stout, a former New Jersey Department of Transportation Assistant Commissioner will make the presentations.

The Tincum Township Board of Supervisor’s meeting will take place on Tuesday, October 15th at 7:30 pm at the Township Municipal Building, 163 Municipal Road.

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