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Shelby approves new sidewalk construction to close gaps

Majority of project will focus on Schoenherr Road sidewalks

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SHELBY TOWNSHIP — On Dec. 7, the Shelby Township Board of Trustees unanimously approved the 2016 sidewalk gap program to close sidewalk gaps, primarily along Schoenherr Road, at a cost of \$201,361.

The township retained its existing sidewalk maintenance contractor, Luigi Ferdinandi & Son Cement Co., because officials were satisfied with the work the company did in Shelby Township over

the last three years.

"Additionally, the unit price will remain the same as it was in 2013," Supervisor Rick Stathakis said.

Shelby Township Department of Public Works Director David Miller explained that the township's Sidewalk Committee identified numerous sites throughout the township, mostly on Schoenherr Road, where sidewalks had not been connected.

"Some were potentially before the sidewalk ordinance was in place, requir-

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ing (sidewalks to go [in front of new developments], or across private properties where easements had been secured to connect two subdivisions and facilitate walking patterns and bicycle patterns," he said.

He explained that the sidewalk gap program involves new construction and differs from the sidewalk maintenance program.

"We're looking at putting in approximately 20,000 square feet of concrete, and it'll be about \$201,000," he said.

Carol Thurber, an engineer with Fazal Khan & Associates, said

the 2016 sidewalk gap program will largely take place along Schoenherr Road, from 25 Mile Road down to Hall Road, to connect subdivisions and older homes. Two other small sidewalk gaps will also be part of the program, she said.

Crews will complete the work — including the construction of the sidewalk, plus associated grading, restoration and stormwater work — in dedicated rights of way or where easements have been obtained, she said.

"The contractor that we've selected — the one doing our sidewalk maintenance — agreed to hold his prices on the sidewalk construction," Thurber said. "If we were to bid it out, the cost would have been significant."

Thurber said crews will start the construction of 20,065 square feet of sidewalks in the spring and that it will probably take them a month to finish.

Trustee Doug Wozniak made the motion, seconded by Treasurer Michael Flynn and supported by the rest of the seven-person board.

Luigi Ferdinandi & Son Cement Co. is based out of Roseville and has served the township since 2012.

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The township will begin its 2016 sidewalk gap program in the spring and finish in approximately a month, targeting sidewalk gaps primarily along Schoenherr Road, such as this gap next to King of Kings Lutheran Church, near 21 Mile and Schoenherr roads.