



Pleasant Plains Community Meeting Minutes September 7, 2021

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John Joynes - Resident
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Marcos Tadros

98% of the design is complete. Consultant is ready to submit the final bid documents but not ready to submit yet because we have not yet acquired the necessary right-of-way. This is being handled by SHA. The updates will be the same going forward until SHA obtains the right-of-way. SHA will be invited to the next meeting (Kim Tran) to join the next meeting to provide an update.

Nestor Flores

Councilwoman Fiedler reached out to the Federal Government to discuss funding and there was no funding available at this time, however, she will continue to remain in contact with them for any future available funding.

Ponding/Freezing on Cherry Rd

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Kingsbury Dr

Short term signing improvements have been completed. We will now wait to hear from the community with any feedback and determine if the situation has improved. If not, the signing will be changed to dynamic signing.

Tree Trimming Along Pleasant Plains

Vegetation was trimmed back by Road Ops. We met with them and asked to cut it further back. We are also looking for the vertical clearance of 14ft clear of vegetation. This will be scheduled in the next couple of weeks on Pleasant Plains all the way down to Cherry. Once the product is harvested on the farm on Pleasant Plains, they will be edging back their property along the “s curve”. The sod farm has yet to respond to our correspondence. We will continue to reach out to them.

Pavement Markings/Signing

Signs were evaluated, replaced and or repaired. Pavement markings were refreshed.

Debbie Russell

Relocating BGE poles in the “S” curve

Myself and Dan Anderson have met with the engineering firm, JMT, to scope out the project and obtain a man hours estimate. This estimate has been reviewed. The paperwork is now in AACO procurement for review to be approved to move forward. We have also spoken with Qiana Ray with AACO DPW Customer Relations and have drafted and will be sending out a letter to the property owners to inform them of property surveys that are being scheduled. The timeline is still to be determined but is currently in process.

Community Comments

Why are the object markers disappearing from Saint Margarets Road? There has been a significant rise in speeding since they have been removed.

These are managed by the SHA and Nestor will contact them to have them replaced. Most likely they were hit by vehicles and just not replaced.

What is the timeline that the SHA has given that they need to obtain the right-of-way?

SHA stated 6-12 months.

Has anyone looked at the ponding on Cherry Rd? It has been discussed to run a pipe across the road, this will cause the water to run uphill. Is there an idea of how this can be fixed? Not necessarily a design.

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Does the County have an easements on any of the properties along Pleasant Plains that would need to be signed off by the property owners?

This is part of the process for the survey explained by Debbie above. The survey will include right-of-way and any existing easements and what kind of easements they are. This is the first step of the design. BGE needs all of the survey info before they can start the new design for the relocation of the poles. Some of the deeds that the County has on file are very old, so it is imperative to do a survey to update them and judge against the info that is on file.

Is there a schematic of what poles you intend to relocate? Exactly where does the “s curve” begin and end? What are the numbers on the poles being moved?

The “s curve” is from Millvale to Cherry. Last December, Mr. Joynes and Nestor drove the corridor about 200-300ft north of Millvale through the curve and extends almost to Cherry. The poles vary between 2ft from the curve to 5ft. There are 12 poles that are being looked at to relocate. The surveyors will identify exactly which poles and exactly where they are. This will be included in the overall survey.

On the north side of Pleasant Plains, there has been some trimming. On the sharpest point of the curve from the sod farm past Hidden Point they cut along the ground cutting back the tall weeds, but the bushes grow out into the road. There is no room on that side of the road.

Ground level was completed, and vertical is on the schedule for road operations. This should happen in the next week or so. Nestor is going to drive this road again once it is completed with the road ops supervisor to confirm.

Alternative 1 option for the road plan was decided on. Widened lines were suggested and agreed upon but it was found they were not feasible. Please update the plan to show that the lines in the original plan were not what were implemented.

Thank you for bringing this to our attention. This was an error on the part of the County to not have this wording corrected. We will review the Alternative 1 option and update it and share it with the group.