



## Pleasant Plains Community Meeting Minutes December 14, 2021

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### **Debbie Russell**

#### *Update on relocation of S-Curve Poles*

We had a second meeting with utility companies. BGE is still working on the preliminary plan which they expect to be completed by the end of summer 2022. Verizon is 50% owner of the poles, BGE owns the other 50%. Verizon will review this plan and agree this is a viable option for relocation. Once this has been determined, a preliminary right-of-way can be set. A plan is also being implemented for the grading of the road. Once we know where the poles will be relocated, a plat will be created showing which ROW needs to be purchased in order to move back the poles.

### **Nestor Flores**

We attempted again to contact SHA, however, they did not confirm if they would be attending. This means that unfortunately we will not be able to provide an update from SHA.

#### *Ponding/Freezing on Cherry Rd*

This project is currently in capital project review. We will inform you when a decision has been made.

#### *Kingsberry Dr Sightlight Concerns*

We are exploring using flashing pedestrian beacons in this area. Please reference Destiny Cir @ College Pkwy for a real world example of how this will look/feel on the road. More information will be provided when it is available.

Confirmed that the speed limit for the entirety of Pleasant Plains will be changed to 30mph. This will be rolled out with variable message boards to inform the residents of the change.

Road Operations will come in a clear out vegetation to create more of a road edge on Pleasant Plains. We will also request for them to perform some patch work on the road where it is crumbling. The County is working with the farm to have the large dead tree removed on the side of the road.

The resurfacing of Pleasant Plains is being investigated. We will let you know as soon as we have the schedule.

### **Community Comments**

**Are you going to put any signs in the area that say Slow Down when approaching the crosswalk?**

There are already quite a few existing signs in this area. We will continue to raise awareness and spread the informational pamphlets to the residents. A variable message sign has also been implemented..

**Will the speed limit change in the area of Destiny Cir?** Yes. This will be an effort along with the County Police. The new limit will be 40mph. **Will it be the same all the way through the road?** Yes.

**How many poles will be moved that are closest to the road?** This will be up to the design of BGE. All of the poles will be a minimum of 12 feet away from the road. Poles that are already at least this far away from the road may also be moved to work with the new layout of the poles. Our best guess is that anywhere up to 16 poles are going to be moved, but this can change with the entire plan. If for some reason the pole cannot be moved, a traffic reflection barrier will be installed in front of it for safety.

**How much more right-of-way will be required in order to install the guide wires where they are needed?** This will be dependent on the design that BGE is working on. It also depends on which direction the wires are going.

**Does Mr. David Wright have any information to share regarding conversations BGE has had with their legal department?** There is no significant update at this time. The design team has documented the existing ROW which has already been sent to the County for review. We believe there are agreements with at least 3 property owners for the existing poles, but this will not be sufficient to cover this new relocation of poles.

**Can we get the signs that tell you how fast you are going on the road to remind people to slow down?** Yes, we will put this request in.

**It is being said that any pole less than 12ft off of the road is unsafe. I don't believe there are any poles on Pleasant Plains that are at least 12ft off of the road. Is this project going to be expanded past the S-Curve poles?** We are phasing into the moving of the poles. The S-Curve is going to be completed first as these are the poles of most concern. The rest of the poles will be evaluated once this first set of poles is completed. A pole that is less than 12ft off of the road isn't unnecessary "unsafe", it just needs to be protected from a vehicle with the above said guardrails, traffic safety barriers, etc.

**Please include the options that were originally presented to the community in this set of meeting minutes.** We will include the document at the end of the minutes.

**Are the new homeowners on the corner of Pleasant Plains and St. Margarets willing to remove the bushes that create the sight line issues?** The State will have to reach out to the property owners with this request. Nestor will remind the SHA.