

## MEETING MINUTES

**Project:** North Arundel Aquatic Center Turf Field and Improvements (P570004)  
**Purpose:** Community Meeting  
**Date:** May 21, 2024 at 6:00 PM

This community meeting was held in accordance with Section 17-2-107 of the Anne Arundel County Code to introduce the proposed development to the public. The meeting was held at the North Arundel Aquatic Center. There were approximately 12 persons in the audience. The following members of the development team were present:

Anthony Ricottilli – Anne Arundel County Department of Public Works  
Bruce Bruchey – Anne Arundel County Department of Recreation and Parks  
Michael Pieranunzi – Century Engineering, a Kleinfelder Company  
Lydia Vaccare – Century Engineering, a Kleinfelder Company

### PRESENTATION OF THE PROJECT

The meeting agenda and project discussion was as follows:

1. Introductions – the presenters listed above introduced themselves to the audience.
2. Meeting Purpose – per Anne Arundel County Code Section 17-2-107, public meetings are held prior to most types of development when the subject parcel is adjacent to residential properties. The public meeting is held to inform the community and gather public input.
3. Location and Key Project Information – satellite imagery of the site in relation to surrounding neighborhoods and major roads was displayed. The key information included:
  - Address: 7888 Crain Highway, Glen Burnie, MD 21061
  - Owner: Anne Arundel County (Public)
  - Existing/Proposed Use: Recreation/Park
  - Zoning: OS – Open Space
  - Water/Sewer: Existing public
  - Impacted Schools: N/A (Non-residential)
  - Proposed Lots: N/A (No change)
  - Chesapeake Bay Critical Area: No
  - Type of Project: Public Capital Improvement
4. Project Goals and Scope – the project goal is to design and construct a multipurpose turf field, playground, restroom building, and additional parking on the North Arundel Aquatic Center property. The scope of the design and engineering services includes:
  - One multi-purpose athletic field, a playground area, and a separate restroom building utilizing the open area to the west of the existing building and parking lot
  - Additional parking and pedestrian pathways to serve the new amenities
  - Relocation of existing shed and trash enclosure
  - Stormwater management facilities to treat runoff from new impervious areas

- Landscape plantings for shade, screening, and visual enhancement
  - (Note: this project is separate from the splash pad project at the Aquatic Center)
5. Site Photos – photos of the existing conditions on the subject property were displayed. Photos showed the existing building and parking lot and the areas of the proposed improvements.
  6. Summary of Proposed Improvements – a planimetric drawing of the proposed improvements was shown along with the following information:
    - Proposed Amenities:
      - Multi-purpose athletic field
      - Playground
      - Restroom building
      - Additional parking and pedestrian paths
    - Proposed Parking:
      - 87 Standard parking spaces added
      - 6 ADA-Accessible parking spaces added
      - 119 existing standard spaces – 2 spaces to be removed for stormwater management, total 117 existing spaces to remain
      - 5 existing ADA-Accessible spaces and 4 EV charging spaces to remain
    - Total Limit of Disturbance (LOD): 6.95 ac
  7. Proposed Features and Amenities – a color rendering of the proposed improvements was displayed and the proposed improvements were described in more detail:
    - Multi-purpose athletic field including fencing, netting, field lighting, bleachers, and walkways
    - Playground area with equipment for both pre-school (2-5) and school aged (5-12) children – Includes benches and a 16' x 20' shade pavilion
    - Stand-alone restroom building, 12'W x 22'L x 12'H with three single-occupant rooms – 2 ADA-accessible rooms that can accommodate adult changing stations
    - Additional parking to serve the field and playground
    - Pedestrian pathways connecting the field, playground, restroom building, and existing building
    - New shed for storing field equipment
    - Relocation of existing shed serving the aquatic center
    - Relocation and screening of trash enclosure
    - Landscaping to include shade trees, flowering trees, evergreen trees, and shrubs
  8. Existing Environmental Features – the following existing features were discussed:
    - On Site: Forest Cover, Steep Slopes
    - No streams, wetlands, floodplain, Chesapeake Bay critical area, or historic/archeological resources are present on site, based on field survey and County records
    - A map of the site showing satellite imagery and steep slope areas was displayed.
  9. Impacts to Environmental Features – The proposed impacts to the environmental features were explained as well as mitigation measures for any impacted features:
    - a. Forested Area: some forest cover will be cleared for the field and associated grading. A fee-in-lieu is proposed for the Forest Conservation mitigation.

- b. Steep Slopes: the majority of the steep slopes within the project area were created by construction of the aquatic center. Larger areas of steep slopes in the wooded area will remain undisturbed, with minimal disturbance to the unwooded steep slopes.
- c. New Impervious Area: stormwater runoff will be generated by the proposed structures and paved surfaces. In accordance with MDE Environmental Site Design standards, multiple stormwater management facilities will be installed to treat and infiltrate the stormwater runoff, including micro-bioretenion basins and permeable paving.

10. Anticipated Schedule – the anticipated project schedule was reviewed as follows:

- Complete Design..... Fall 2024
- Obtain Permits ..... Fall 2024
- Bid and Award..... Winter 2025
- Public Pre-Construction Meeting..... Winter 2025
- Construction..... Spring – Fall 2025

11. Q&A - The presentation concluded with an explanation of the online public comment period with a slide displaying the website link, and an explanation of how the responses will be provided. See below for a summary of public questions and responses.

After the presentation of the Project, a question-and-answer session was held. A summary of questions and answers during the meeting are provided in a separate document.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:30 PM.