



Pleasant Plains Community Meeting Minutes June 26, 2024

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Anne Cobb - Hidden Point
Ellen Weiss - Resident, Millvale Rd
John Joynes - President, Beechwood on the Burley Community Association
Ann Powell - Resident, Millvale Rd

Nestor Flores

- **St. Margarets Rd Traffic Signal** - *SHA has completed the traffic signal construction and activation and will no longer be providing any kind of regular updates. Community asks that we keep this item on the agenda so that they may express any further concerns that we can relay to the SHA. Nestor reminds the group that this is a State led project and we will do our best to communicate to them but please understand that they are in charge of that project. **Should you wish to reach SHA directly, please call 410-545-0300.***
- **Kingsberry Dr Sightline Concerns** - *We made some adjustments. I'll reach out to the community for feedback regarding how that sign is operating for them - both the Stop sign LED's and the advance warning signs.*

Robert Fernandez

- **Please see PDF of map posted to the Pleasant Plains webpage for a draft overview of what the Pleasant Plains corridor will look like once all of the changes have been made**
 - <https://www.aacounty.org/public-works/highways/pleasant-plains-road>
- **Ponding/freezing Cherry Rd** - *We received the signed Easement agreement yesterday. That is signed by the property owner and all County staff that needed to sign it. We forwarded that over to the permit center.*
 - *Last we checked - that was the only item that was required before we could get that grading permit for the inlet and the culvert that's going to tie into the new stormwater management facility. We have not yet heard back from them but we are keeping tabs on it.*
 - *We have the contractor and the construction manager ready to go. They could literally start as soon as mid next month. As soon as we know, and we have a start date we will get it done. It will probably be a 2 week construction process.*
- **Relocation of poles in S-curve** - *We completed the final record plats and the record plats were accepted by our right away department. The appraisals and the title certificates are complete and our appraisal department has started the negotiation process with the 7 properties. I'll keep tabs on that weekly to see how that's progressing - But I do not know at this time how long it's going to take to acquire the rights of way and related easements.*
 - *We also have identified 20 properties that could accept plantings within the frontage that is within the county road, right of way that is off of Pleasant Plains Rd. Those plantings would serve to mitigate for the trees that are going to be cleared along Pleasant Plains.*
 - *There are 2 mitigation requirements - One is the roadside tree permit and the other is the critical area disturbance.*
 - *We are going to send out 2 batches of mailings. The 1st is going to be 10 properties, and those properties are located within the critical area - depending on the reply, If we can satisfy our requirement for the roadside tree permit within the 1st 10 properties - then that's great. If not, we'll go to those next 12 and start soliciting them to see if they'd be willing. Again, it's within the road right away. But we feel that it's respectful to ask someone if they're going to mind having trees planted in the right of way next to their property.*

- *We are going to pay into a wetland bank mitigation for the wetland disturbance. There's just no room there to do on-site wetland mitigation for the wetland disturbance, because it's in a critical area that requires mitigation.*
- *Presented renderings of the Pleasant Plains corridor - shows expected appearance of the corridor once all improvement projects have been completed - these drawings can be located here:*
<https://www.aacounty.org/public-works/highways/pleasant-plains-road>

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H583701 – Pleasant Plains Rd Safety Improvements - Corridor Utility Project (G02019862)

Design

The project design is current and will be adjusted based on request from right of way negotiations and mitigation plantings. Upon resolution of plantings documents will be submitted for grading permit.

Right-of-way (ROW)

1. The ROW plats are complete based on the current design and county staff has begun the negotiation process (appraisals and negotiation). This process can be lengthy, given there are seven (7) properties that require dedication.

Environmental Permits

1. The Chesapeake Bay Critical Area Commission (CAC) reviewed the Consistency report as submitted by the County. The CAC requested additional mitigation and indicated off-site (roadside tree) planting is acceptable mitigation. Upon resolution of the off-site planting locations the final documents will be revised and resubmitted.
2. The Roadside Tree permit mitigation will be addressed by planting 17 (1-½ inch caliper) trees within the existing public road ROW. The County is preparing exhibits and mailings to coordinate with adjacent property owners.
3. The Wetland Permit will be issued upon acquisition of wetland bank mitigation.

H583702 – Cherry Rd Drainage Project (G02019787)

This project design is complete and the required easement is being recorded.

1. Required documents have been submitted to I&P and staff is coordinating Grading Permit (GP) issuance.
2. The BWPR project is substantially complete.
3. Current anticipated construction start is summer, 2024.
4. EBA Engineering, Inc. is the construction inspector for this project.
5. Pay Dirt, LLC is the contractor for this project.

Marche Taylor

- **Undergrounding of poles - There was a project that was started at the beginning of Pleasant Plains where utility lines were buried underground. The community would like to know why this was performed and paid for by BGE at the beginning of the road but not along the full length of Pleasant Plains Rd. Marche is still waiting for the full details from the project manager.**
- **Red flex posts along the edge of the road and why they are there - Are there standards for where they go, how many are going to be installed and how many feet between them (spacing) and what is the purpose? Marche was informed that these posts in the ground are communication markers that BGE believes to belong to Verizon - TED is questioning this as we believe the red color of the pole indicates electric - TED is following up. She does not have any other information at this time.**



Community Comments

John Joynes - I think when we have the mess on Old Mill Bottom Road because the Bay Bridge has an accident, a jam up, and people think they can bypass the jam coming down Old Mill Bottom Rd. They haven't learned yet. They got a light to wait for. Secondly, this business of closing the ramps - We've limited that down to so few closings that one of the jam-ups you had on Old Mill Bottom was a Wednesday. There was an accident on the bridge - but they all took the bypass to St. Margaret's Road to beat it. I think we've got to look again at when we're closing the ramps and get more publicity about doing it.

John Joynes - I have spoken with my community president and both of us had independently raised concerns with Kim Tran at SHA about the issues that we have with the signal. When you're coming from the Bay Bridge, or St. Margaret's, or from Cape St Claire and turning into Pleasant Plains Road. There is no time when the traffic going the other way toward the bridge is stopped and the people going toward Annapolis have a go. So if a truck comes from the bridge and wants to turn left on Pleasant Plains He can sit there forever and block the traffic behind him. Kim said she will look into it, but the last look into it was the 8 year lead time to build the lights as they are.

John Joynes - We did finish the construction of Erik Michelson's stormwater runoff thing during this period of time and we have had no report from the guy that did it - I understand there's supposed to be such a thing. What he did looks lovely. I had a little trouble matching what he did to the plan that was approved, but what he did looked fine. I talked yesterday to the Storm Water Management people from the Severn River Association that sample Burley Creek and the samples that they took didn't reflect anything as a result of this construction - no more silt, no less silt. They measure clear water, oxygen content, nitrogen, and phosphorus and a few other things but they couldn't measure any impact. I think the job he did was beautiful and they should be applauded. We need to watch how it works tonight - We're supposed to have some heavy storms - Maybe we'll get a test.

Ellen Weiss - The traffic actually on Old Mill Bottom Road has been worse than ever, I find, so I'm not sure it's helping or hurting. But we'll give it more time to see if people learn the roads a little bit. I'm hoping it's confusion related to the signs about the ongoing ramps being closed. But it's been crazy crazier than ever. Actually, I find.

Ellen Weiss - I'd like to say one thing about the tree issue and the replanting. I mentioned this before, but if they need to replant trees, the stem of Millvale Road, which comes off of Pleasant Plains. On the left side of that there used to be trees which over the course of years have, I guess, died and have been removed. So if you're looking for a place in that area right off Pleasant Plains that could possibly take trees when you turn right off Pleasant Plains onto Millvale on the left-hand side. You'll see it borders the Davidson family farm.