

FINAL DRAFT PEARCE CREEK IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE MEETING
June 15, 2018 10:00 AM
90B North Center Street
Cecilton, MD 21919

Attendees:

AECOM: Chris Rogers

Bay View Estates (BVE) Residents: Bill Haines, Norine Haines, George Hansell, Dave Heacock,
Joy Heacock

Cecil Whig: Jake Owens

Maryland Department of Transportation Maryland Port Administration (MDOT MPA): Chris Correale,
Kristen Keene

Maryland Environmental Service (MES): Christine Holmburg

Sunset Pointe Resident: Kathy McDonough

Town of Cecilton: Mary Cooper

US Army Corps of Engineers Philadelphia District: Gavin Kaiser

West View Shores (WVS) Residents: Valerie Woodruff, Eddie Lavin

1.0 Welcome & Introductions

Kristen Keene, Chair

Ms. Keene welcomed the attendees to the meeting and everyone introduced themselves.

2.0 Summary Approval

Committee Members

The Pearce Creek Implementation Committee (PCIC) members will review the April meeting summary at the October 2018 meeting; once both summaries are approved they will be available as final on the Pearce Creek outreach website (www.pearcecreekoutreach.com).

3.0 Philadelphia District Corps (CENAP) Update

Gavin Kaiser, CENAP

Mosquito Control

Mr. Kaiser stated that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Philadelphia District (CENAP) does not typically spray for mosquitoes at their facilities, but to be a good neighbor to the nearby communities of Pearce Creek, CENAP will be conducting mosquito control practices throughout the Pearce Creek Dredged Material Containment Facility (DMCF). Mr. Kaiser noted that the Pearce Creek Lake will not be treated for mosquitoes.

Ms. Haines asked who was responsible for cutting down the vegetation along Pond Neck Road; the vegetative growth is creating a dangerous blind spot. Mr. Kaiser replied that Cecil County conducts mowing along the road. Mr. Rogers stated that Dan Webber is the Superintendent of Cecil County Department of Public Works Roads Division and can be contacted regarding the mowing along Pond Neck Road. CENAP has not mowed the swale area at the base of the DMCF due to the community requests to hide the site and to promote vegetative growth in the area.

Mr. Kaiser thanked those who attended the Pearce Creek DMCF tour after the April PCIC meeting and stated that another tour will be held during the next dredging cycle. Mr. Heacock stated that at the site tour the possibility of mowing the drainage ditch/swale to maintain stormwater management controls was discussed and asked if any decision was made. Mr. Kaiser asked for a consensus from the communities on the mowing issue since there have been differing requests. Mr. Haines stated that the concern was with

the berm being mowed, not the swale. Mr. Kaiser replied that the lower berm would need to be mowed to allow access to the swale; the upper berm would remain natural and not be mowed. Mr. Heacock suggested mowing the lower berm and swale to prevent water/flooding on Pond Neck Road; the community leaders agreed.

Ms. Woodruff asked if there was any update regarding opening the site for public recreational use. Ms. Keene clarified that the request for opening the site to the public entails allowing entrance through the back gate of the DMCF to access Pearce Creek Lake (CENAP property). Mr. Lavin asked if there was a way to close the site at night. Mr. Kaiser replied that CENAP is not granted recreation funds and will not be responsible for opening and closing the site on a daily basis. CENAP is attempting to coordinate with the Maryland Department of Natural Resources (DNR) regarding the lease of the property and public access to the site. Mr. Lavin asked how involved DNR has been in the process. Mr. Kaiser replied that CENAP has reached out to DNR on numerous occasions and they have been very limited in their responses. Ms. Cooper asked if DNR could be invited to the next PCIC meeting, and Ms. Keene replied yes. Mr. Kaiser is attempting to coordinate a meeting between CENAP and DNR. Mr. Kaiser stated that currently the access gate to Pearce Creek Lake is locked and will remain locked until there is an agreement with DNR in place.

Groundwater and Discharge Monitoring

Mr. Kaiser stated that the Pearce Creek DMCF discharge monitoring data was sent to the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE). The groundwater well monitoring was completed in May and the next well monitoring event will be held in October 2018. Once the groundwater monitoring data is compiled it will be sent to MDE along with the annual groundwater monitoring report. Mr. Hansell asked when the groundwater and discharge monitoring reports would be available on the Pearce Creek Outreach website. Ms. Keene stated that once the reports are reviewed by MDE, Maryland Environmental Service (MES) will upload them to the Pearce Creek Outreach website; a notice can also be placed in the Pearce Creek Connection newsletter to inform residents of the update.

4.0 Drinking Water Line Planning Progress

Chris Rogers, AECOM

Status of In-home Connections

Mr. Rogers stated that the last scheduled in-home connection was made on June 8th. There are seven properties which have not been connected; four properties are explicit refusals (two owners have two properties each), two properties have not had any contact with AECOM, and one remaining property has been turned over to the mortgage company due to the owner passing away. AECOM is coordinating with the mortgage company in an attempt to get that home connected.

Currently, the crew is placing protective concrete rings around the curb stops. A preliminary punch list has been created and includes the remaining items from the Distribution Main project, which has been closed. There have been a few reported leaks, which are being identified and assessed for solutions. AECOM will be holding a meeting with the tar and chip contractor to discuss the areas in Bay View Estates (BVE) that need additional tar and chip. A meeting is scheduled for June 18th with AECOM, Town of Cecilton, Maryland Department of Transportation Maryland Port Administration (MDOT MPA), and BVE to review specific BVE issues.

BVE Laydown/Storage Area

Mr. Rogers stated that the laydown area in BVE would remain until the project is complete. The trailer has been removed and the area has been tidied up. Ms. Haines stated that the container boxes and piles of material were still in place and asked when the clean-up and restoration of the area is scheduled. Mr. Rogers replied that the clean-up and restoration of the laydown area has been scheduled for the middle of July as punch list items are being resolved.

Water Treatment System Tour

Mr. Heacock thanked the Town of Cecilton for holding the water treatment system tour and for having the operator available to answer questions. Ms. Cooper stated that another tour can be held later in the year, if requested.

Water/Hydrant Billing System

Ms. Cooper stated that there were comments received from residents that the water/hydrant bills were confusing because the statements listed the hydrant fee as a miscellaneous fee. The Town of Cecilton has switched to a new billing software and are in the process of creating all new accounts, which will be completed by the end of June. Residents can expect to receive bills from the new billing company beginning in July and the new bill should denote the charge specifically as a hydrant fee. The bill will be in the form of a postcard. Ms. McDonough asked if there was a possibility of auto-payment. Ms. Cooper replied that auto-pay is available now, and it can be accessed through the link on the Town of Cecilton website (www.ceciltonmd.gov). Ms. Cooper is unsure if there is a fee associated with auto-pay; for any questions please contact the water billing clerk Teresa Quinn at (tquinn@ceciltonmd.gov) or 410-275-2692. Ms. Woodruff stated that the hydrant fee was paid in full by some residents, but the bill is still showing a fee in the miscellaneous section. Ms. Cooper will investigate the discrepancy. Ms. Keene stated that the new information can be placed in the Pearce Creek Connection newsletter.

5.0 MPA Updates

Kristen Keene, MPA

Exterior Monitoring Updates

Ms. Keene stated that Anchor QEA completed the spring 2018 exterior monitoring event, which was the first monitoring event since the DMCF has been operational. Water quality samples were collected as well as sediment and benthic community samples in Pearce Creek Lake and the Elk River. Once the data is compiled Anchor QEA will be returning to present the findings of the monitoring event, most likely at the October meeting.

Elected Officials Outreach

Ms. Keene stated that MDOT MPA is coordinating with CENAP to set up a project briefing and tour of the Pearce Creek DMCF for elected officials.

6.0 Citizen Comments

Community Representatives

Feedback from the Community Members

Mr. Heacock stated that he was looking forward to the upcoming meeting between BVE, MDOT MPA, the Town of Cecilton, and AECOM regarding the remaining BVE punch list items and the tar and chip placement. Ms. Woodruff stated that any issues the community has raised have been addressed and that communication has been great. Ms. Keene encouraged West View Shores to reach out for any information they may need for their upcoming community newsletter.

Future Meeting Discussions

Kristen Keene, MPA

Ms. McDonough suggested moving the meetings to quarterly rather than bi-monthly. Ms. Keene stated that the meetings could be held either quarterly or semi-annually to coincide with the exterior monitoring results presentations. Mr. Heacock expressed a preference for quarterly meetings. Mr. Hansell asked for the next meeting to be held when the monitoring reports are available. Ms. Keene asked if it was agreeable for the next meeting to be held in October 2018 and then a quarterly meeting schedule will begin in 2019. The PCIC agreed on the motion to move the PCIC meeting frequency to quarterly in 2019. Notifications of the change will be placed on the Pearce Creek Outreach website and in the Pearce Creek Connection newsletter. Ms. Keene stated that interim meetings can be held if necessary.

The next PCIC meeting will be held Friday, October 19, 2018 at 10 am.

2018 Meeting Schedule:

- October 19, 2018

Adjourn - Noon

Kristen Keene, Chair