GLEN OSBORNE BOROUGH MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 6, 2013 PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of Glen Osborne Borough Planning Commission was held in the Osborne Elementary School on Wednesday, November 6, 2013. Dominic Munizza, Chairman of the Planning Commission, called the meeting to order at 6:38 p.m.

The following individuals were in attendance at the meeting: Planning Commission: Richard Carrier, Greg Curran, Dominic Munizza

Officials: Secretary Diane Vierling, Council Vice President Barbara Carrier

Visitors: John Stilan, Environmental Planning & Design (EPD)

Kristina Serafini, Sewickley Herald

ROUTE 65/OHIO RIVER BOULEVARD CORRIDOR ENHANCEMENT PLAN

Dominic Munizza announced that the purpose of this meeting was to listen to a presentation prepared by Environmental Planning & Design (EPD) for the Route 65/Ohio River Boulevard Corridor Enhancement Plan.

John Stilan reviewed his background as a landscape designer and explained his role at EPD. He proceeded with an overview of his presentation. The scope of the Route 65/Ohio River Boulevard Corridor Enhancement Plan for Glen Osborne covers Route 65 from River Road to Boundary Street. The purpose of this project is to identify the best and most practical opportunities for enhancing the overall character and travel experience along the corridor while keeping in line with Sewickley's and Edgeworth's overall goal for the Corridor Enhancement Plan that EPD prepared for them. The ultimate goal is to jointly implement a plan in the spring with Sewickley and Edgeworth and obtain funding (a grant) to proceed with the Route 65/Ohio River Boulevard Corridor Enhancement Plan.

Sewickley and Edgeworth have already met with EPD, PennDOT, Duquesne Light, their borough engineers and property owners; and have decided to develop an Ohio River Boulevard overlay district which would have recommended design standards. Sewickley and Edgeworth plan to work informally with property owners and not use an ordinance to make these changes.

John Stilan presented a video of the Route 65/Ohio River Boulevard corridor beginning at the Haysville traffic light traveling toward Sewickley. The focus of the video was to create discussion to suggest enhancements for the character of the corridor.

Barbara Carrier stated that Council was interested in enhancing the area affected by the sewer-interconnect project. Additional landscaping was suggested to improve the appearance of the

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area and also help create a sound buffer. Mitigating the appearance of the rip rap with real and practical alternatives was suggested.

John Stilan reviewed portions of interest in the video and gave a site analysis. He referred to the intersection where Beaver Road meets Route 65 as the entrance to Glen Osborne and asked if there was a desire to establish a "Gateway to Glen Osborne". He also asked if there was an interest in signage, or a mural, or vegetation (vines) on the concrete wall along Route 65 at that intersection.

Proceeding along Route 65 toward Sewickley, Mr. Stilan suggested the possibility of identification signage on the wall at the end of Osborne Elementary School's property and additional landscaping in that area. Moving on, property fencing and walls were addressed.

Goals for the Route 65 Enhancement Plan were discussed. The importance for esthetic unity and the need to mitigate the appearance of the rip rap were emphasized. Enhancing signage identifying the "Gateway to Glen Osborne" was suggested. Street lighting was discussed. John Stilan stated that Sewickley and Edgeworth are considering LED street lighting.

The next Planning Commission Meeting will be held on December 4, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. At the December meeting Environmental Planning and Design will make recommendations and identify priorities in moving forward with the Route 65 Corridor Enhancement Plan and working with Sewickley and Edgeworth in obtaining a grant.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on motion of Richard Carrier, seconded by Greg Curran, the Board voted 3-0 to adjourn at 8:18 p.m.

Diane Vierling, Borough Secretary