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**LIBERTY TOWNSHIP/CITY OF POWELL JOINT SAWMILL PARKWAY  
BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES**

October 4, 2006

Location Powell Municipal Building

- Committee members present included Tom Counts, Bill Little, Elmer Meider, Dan Wiencek, and Peggy Guzzo. Also present was Steve Lutz.
- Peggy Guzzo informed the group that the Township was reviewing plans for Golf Village North. This development would include a school, condominiums and commercial businesses.
- Dan Wiencek commented that in most cases the County Engineer is not receptive to having landscaping located within the right of way. Peggy Guzzo mentioned that the Engineer would approve low landscaping as long as it doesn't interfere with sight distances and if others are willing to maintain it.
- Tom Counts pointed out that the section of Sawmill Parkway located between the County line to Home Road falls under existing development plans and has in most circumstances been developed. He commented that from Home Road up to approximately Hyatts Road the area is subject to a future development plan. He stated that from Hyatts Road up to Bunty Station Road plans have yet to be determined. Peggy Guzzo commented that the area north of Hyatts Road will be low density residential housing. She encouraged the Committee to focus on the commercial areas as opposed to residential areas.
- Tom Counts suggested the Committee identify what the biggest problems are. After that it was suggested that those issues which can be solved quickly or can be done without utilizing taxpayer dollars be identified.
- Peggy Guzzo suggested looking at what can be done immediately or creating temporary guidelines for a temporary plan.
- Bill Little stated that addressing areas of the Parkway which have already been built or developed may be more difficult than focusing on those areas which have yet to be developed.

- Elmer Meider commented that the Committee will need to identify whether they wish to create a more formal or more rural appearance along the Parkway. He suggested maintaining a consistent theme throughout the Parkway.
- Dan Wiencek questioned whether the Committee wants to talk about other items including signage, lighting, etc.
- Elmer Meider mentioned that his homeowners association had hired a landscape architect to help facilitate reaching a consensus on certain issues. He thought this might be a low cost approach for the Committee to consider.
- Dan Wiencek asked Peggy Guzzo to look into whether townships have the authority to create special improvement districts.
- Peggy Guzzo suggested looking at the City's Kinzelman and Kline Sawmill Parkway Beautification Report as a starting point.
- Bill Little raised the issue as to whether the Committee will look at beautification within the right of way or outside the right of way.
- Peggy Guzzo suggested working on beautification within the right of way.
- Bill Little said three issues that are important in his opinion are what will it look like, who pays for it, and who maintains it.
- Peggy Guzzo stated she believed the responsibility should be shared with all abutting commercial property owners.
- Dan Wiencek stated it would be beneficial to define how wide of a corridor is being considered.
- Elmer Meider stated it he thought it made sense to have some sort of guidelines beyond the actual right of way.
- Dan Wiencek suggested comparing the City landscape requirements with the Township requirements. He thought it would be beneficial to have some uniform requirements between the City and the Township.
- Peggy Guzzo commented it would be useful to have pictures representing conceptual ideas regarding beautification.
- Peggy Guzzo commented she would like to identify split rail fences, bike paths, and landscaping incorporated in the guidelines which are adopted by the City and the Township.
- Dan Wiencek stated eventually the Township and the City should have similar rules and regulations regarding Sawmill Parkway.

- Bill Little stated that there needs to be some specificity to the rules and regulations. For example, should fences be wood or vinyl.
- At the conclusion of the meeting it was determined that copies of the City's Kinzelman and Kline Sawmill Parkway Report would be distributed to Committee members.
- The next meeting of the Sawmill Parkway Beautification Committee was set for Wednesday, October 18<sup>th</sup> , at 7:00 PM.