GLEN ROCK BOROUGH

Public Meeting

New Park Plan for 13 Baltimore Street, Church Street Storm Sewer Replacement, Church Street CDBG Curb/Sidewalk Replacement 6:30 PM

May 15, 2013

Present: Council Members: Rollin Apgar*

Lucy Cadwallader
L. James Merrick*
Benjamin Wetzel
Richard Shiles
Doug Young

Engineer: Jason Brenneman

Mark Clark

Solicitor: Michelle Pokrifka*

Mayor: Ronald McCullough, Jr.

Secretary: Ann Merrick

Visitors: Thirteen visitors, one member of press

The Public Meeting began at 6:30 PM, with introductions of Debra Summers and Wanda Montalvo, YCPC representatives, and Mark Clark, Project Manager from James R. Holley and Associates, Inc. The Borough has funding through a Growing Greener II Grant for the Church Street Storm Sewer Replacement project; the project plans include replacement of storm sewer from Main Street up to the Post Office, on Church Street. The Borough anticipates receiving CDBG funds to replace curb and sidewalk on the North side of Church Street. (The curbing/sidewalk located in front of Immanuel United Methodist Church is not eligible for CDBG funding and will not be replaced). Storm Sewer replacement is Phase I of the project, with a possible start date of June 10 – July 31; Phase II is replacement of Curb and Sidewalk, with a possible start date of August; and Phase III is paving restoration, to begin in September. October 15 is the anticipated project completion date. Road excavation is only planned for the storm sewer restoration area. Resident, Larry Flemmens asked if curbing on the South side of the street would be improved; only the North side of Church Street will be repaired and replaced at this time. Resident Glenn Engler has requested that when the curbing is replaced in front of his property, 100 Church Street, he would like the piece of granite in the current curbing. Residents discussed lack of curbing on the South side of the street and some erosion; J. Brenneman stated that the plans include twenty-seven inlets to be placed on Church Street, which should help to eliminate erosion problems. Property owners are responsible for the replacement of curb and sidewalk; however, since the curb/sidewalk would be affected with the Storm Sewer

replacement, the Borough applied for CDBG funds to repair the Church Street curb/sidewalk. When this project is completed, the curb/sidewalk will again, become the responsibility of each property owner. Residents will be able to park on Church Street overnight, but will not be able to park on Church Street during the day. The public expressed concern with speed limit control on Church Street; D. Summers, YCPC, suggested that Council request another traffic study. When the project is complete, the Borough will be painting parking lines.

Council President, R. Shiles provided an overview of the Borough's plans for a new park, located at 13 Baltimore Street. Currently this Borough property is a vacant lot. The Borough cannot rebuild since the property is located in the floodplain. "In Lieu of Land" Recreation Fees were paid by the developer of the Field of Broad Springs development and would be used toward the development of the new park on Baltimore Street. The new park will include trees, park benches, possibly a stone or brick wall, fencing along the street front and a small platform area for the possibility of acoustic "Concerts in the Park".

*R. Apgar arrived for the meeting at 6:58 P. M.

The total cost of the project will not exceed the amount of funds available from the "in lieu of land" recreation fees.

*J. Merrick arrived for the meeting at 7:00 P. M.

Members of the current GR Recreation Board asked who would be responsible for electricity, amplification or lighting for a flag. Council has not made any decision regarding who will pay electricity invoices. Normal maintenance of the park, like grass cutting, would be the Borough's responsibility. The meeting ended at 7:05 P. M.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann E. Merrick Secretary/Treasurer