

**GLENDALE PLANNING & HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
VILLAGE OF GLENDALE, OHIO**

RESOLUTION 2017-001

**A “RESOLUTION OF RECOMMENDATION” REFLECTING THE
RECOMMENDATION OF THE GLENDALE PLANNING & HISTORIC
PRESERVATION COMMISSION TO THE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF
GLENDALE, APPROVING THE APPLICATION OF THE 2016 SPECIAL
COMMITTEE FOR A GLENDALE QUIET ZONE ESTABLISHING A QUIET ZONE IN
THE VILLAGE OF GLENDALE**

WHEREAS, the Glendale Planning and Historic Preservation Commission of the Village of Glendale, Ohio (“GPHPC”) is empowered and required by statute (ORC § 713.02) and local ordinance (§ 32.46) to review and approve alterations to any public street, public ground, or other public way (or part thereof), and to send such approval to the Village Council for action consistent with said statute and ordinance; and

WHEREAS, in October 2016, the Mayor of the Village of Glendale, Ohio, established and appointed citizen members to the 2016 Special Committee for a Glendale Quiet Zone (“Special Committee”) for the purpose of exploring whether a railroad quiet zone can and should be established in the Village of Glendale, consistent with federal and state statutes and regulations; and

WHEREAS, on or about February 6, 2017, the Special Committee submitted its application to establish a quiet zone to the Village of Glendale. On that day, the GPHPC voted to (1) accept the application as complete, (2) schedule a Public Hearing on the application for March 20, 2017, and (3) establish a process to be followed in considering the application; and

WHEREAS, on March 20, 2017, after due and proper advertising and notice under the established process, the GPHPC held a Public Hearing on the quiet zone application. The GPHPC heard from a representative of the Special Committee, from Mr. Matthew Dietrich, the Executive Director of the Ohio Rail Development Commission, and from members of the public, including those in favor of the quiet zone, those opposed to the quiet zone, and those who were undecided or who had questions; and

WHEREAS, GPHPC member Bob Kooris recused himself from participation in the Public Hearing as a member of the GPHPC because of his role as Chairman of the Special Committee, and GPHPC member Mayor Donald A. Lofty recused himself from participation in the Public Hearing as a member of the GPHPC in order to preserve his ability to preside at Council when the application comes before the Council for review; and

WHEREAS, following the close of said Public Hearing, the GPHPC deliberated in public session, and weighed all aspects of a quiet zone for the Village; and

WHEREAS, following its deliberations, the GPHPC determined that its final vote on this Resolution of Recommendation would only be appropriate upon review of the said Resolution; and

WHEREAS, the GPHPC took a non-binding straw poll vote on March 20, 2017, which vote found all members of the GPHPC in favor of the quiet zone, as presented.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Glendale Planning and Historic Preservation Commission, all eligible members voting:

SECTION I: The GPHPC hereby approves the application of the Special Committee, as presented at the March 20, 2017, Public Hearing.

SECTION II: Any revisions to the quiet zone, subsequent to any approval of Council, shall be reviewed by the GPHPC. The GPHPC reserves the right to approve minor changes to the quiet zone by a simple majority vote of a quorum of eligible voters, consistent with the authority from the statute and ordinance cited above. The GPHPC further reserves the right to require that significant changes to the quiet zone be reviewed and voted upon following the same public hearing process used to evaluate the current application, and to send a revised or updated Resolution of Recommendation to the Village Council.

SECTION III: The GPHPC strongly urges the Village Council and all appropriate departments and personnel of the Village to closely consider comments heard at the Public Hearing relative to possible implications to fire safety from the closing of the Albion Avenue railroad crossing, particularly those comments regarding water pressures and water lines at the crossing, which may require an easement from the railroad.

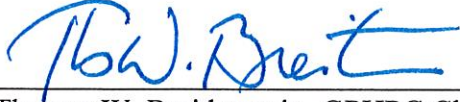
SECTION IV: The GPHPC strongly urges the Village Council and all appropriate departments and personnel of the Village to closely consider traffic impacts and maintaining traffic control stop signs and/or adding speed bumps along South Troy and Greenville Avenues in order to prevent uncontrolled speeding on these streets upon the removal of the Albion Avenue railroad crossing.

SECTION V: The GPHPC strongly urges the Village Council and all appropriate departments and personnel of the Village to closely consider whether the existing fence and concrete wall on the west side of the tracks, behind the Train Depot / Museum, would create an unsafe entrapment situation when combined with the new fence on the east side of the railroad tracks as contemplated by the application.

SECTION VI: The GPHPC strongly urges the Village Council and all appropriate departments and personnel of the Village to closely consider preparing a detailed and comprehensive plan for the municipal parking lot east of the railroad tracks, drawn to an appropriate scale and showing all improvements, including exact locations and specifications of such improvements as curbs, sidewalks, bollards, lighting, signage, striping and traffic flow directional indicators. The GPHPC stands ready to review such plan in connection with the Village engineer or other qualified professional.

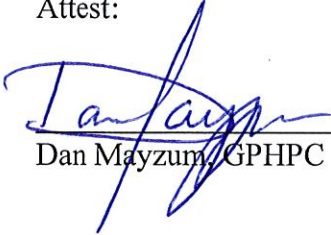
SECTION VII: This Resolution shall have immediate effect, and shall be forwarded to the Village Council for proceedings on the application consistent with the foregoing.

Passed this 3rd day of April, 2017:



Thomas W. Breidenstein, GPHPC Chairman

Attest:



Dan Mayzum, GPHPC Secretary