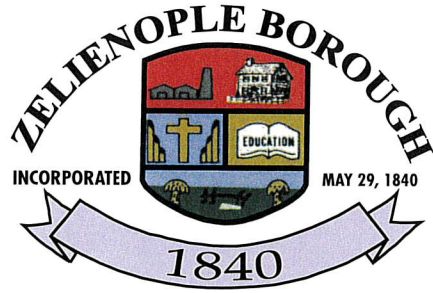


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## Press Release

March 29, 2017

The Borough of Zelienople, in close cooperation with the Butler County Tourism Office, has announced that the Borough has purchased the iconic Kaufman House property from the Tourism Foundation and will begin the refurbishment of the Structure to reopen as the Kaufman House with a first class restaurant.

As you may remember, the Butler County Tourism Foundation made a landmark effort to purchase and reopen the Kaufman House but due to circumstances beyond their control this could not be accomplished. The Borough of Zelienople, who has already been intimately involved with the Main Street Revitalization Project, decided to assist by reprogramming its Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program (RACP) grant funding to purchase the property and to begin a new partnership with Developer Patrick J. Boylan to reopen this restaurant business which is so important to the economic well-being of the Main Street corridor in Zelienople.

Through a Lease agreement, Mr. Boylan, who will purchase the property from the Borough over the term of the agreement, will complete the inside renovation with private investment, while the Borough will renovate the exterior of the structure which is allowable through RACP funding. The goal is that this project can take place without permanent use of local borough funds.

We are very excited to see the realization of the Butler County Tourism office, the Zelienople Borough Council and the Butler County Commissioners come to pass to protect and reopen the Kaufman House for the long term benefit to the Borough and Butler County.

This could not be done without the concerted efforts and cooperation of all three primary entities as well as for the vision of Mr. Patrick Boylan as we move forward.

The time line for construction to begin and final completion is yet to be determined but it will begin as soon as possible with the intent of a 2017 opening date.

Please direct your questions to Donald Pepe, Borough Manager regarding this project at (724) 452-6610 EXT 223 or at mgrzelieboro@zoominternet.net.

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