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Beaver County Commissioners Recognize Historic Significance of Veteran’s Memorial Bridge

The Beaver County Commissioners, in recognition of the special significance of the Veteran’s Memorial Bridge, have authorized the public notice of a proposed Ordinance prohibiting any unauthorized signs of any type on the Veteran’s Memorial Bridge and its approaching ramps.

“Throughout history, communities across America have taken great care and consideration to honor veterans. Beaver County is proud to be a part of this tradition and the Veterans’ Memorial Bridge is our enduring recognition for our Armed Forces and the men and women who have served our Country” commented Chairman Tony Amadio.

The proposed Ordinance being considered by the Board of Commissioners, will prohibit the “placement, installation and affixation of any signs on the Beaver County Veteran’s Memorial Bridge and/or its approaching ramps unless the signs are required by government entities or are specifically approved by the Beaver County Board of Commissioners.” When enacted, it will be enforced by the Sheriff’s Department of Beaver County and provide warnings and penalties for violations.

“The Veteran’s Memorial and the Veteran’s Memorial Bridge are true symbols of the service and sacrifices that our veterans have made protecting our communities and making this Country great. No citizen should diminish this Memorial with signs and posters for local events, yard sales and fundraisers. This is not an advertising forum, but a long-lasting symbol of our enduring respect for the many contributions of our veterans,” stated Jerry Fisher, the Chairman of the Veteran’s Memorial Bridge Project.

“All veterans deserve our respect and our gratitude for their service to protect our nation. Those veterans who have made the ultimate sacrifice should always be in our hearts and our prayers. The Veteran’s Memorial Bridge is a one way we can keep the memory of their contributions alive for current and future generations. Out of respect for their efforts, we are declaring that no local advertising should infringe upon our efforts to honor veterans. I support the proposed Ordinance without reservation, “ said Commissioner Joe Spanik.

“The efforts to develop the Veteran’s Memorial resulted in a respectful recognition of our veterans. When we cross that bridge, we should not be distracted by unrelated signs and advertisements. We should be focused on remembering the honorable service of our veterans. As such, the Ordinance is well-intentioned and completely appropriate” reflected County Commissioner Dennis Nichols.

When approved after a required public notice, the Ordinance will take effect immediately.

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