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Sidelines operator to bring new Fire Side Pub to former Station Street Hot Dogs space

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A new operator with a pub concept is preparing to take over the Station Street Hot Dog property in Larimer just off East Liberty's burgeoning Penn Avenue business district.

[Robert Miller](#), who operates two successful restaurants in Millvale and Sewickley, has leased the former Station Street Hot Dog property most recently operated by restaurateur [Kevin Sousa](#), who closed his operation there at the end of the year.

Miller and partner [Jessica Martin Adams](#) are working to renovate the property into The Fire Side Pub, using the layout of the facility to establish an open kitchen in the middle of the dining room.

Miller, whose two established restaurants are Sidelines Bar & Grill in Millvale and Sidelines Beer House in Sewickley, seeks to create an interactive experience between the restaurant's kitchen staff and its guests while offering a mix of pub-oriented menu items and a bar offering a host of craft beers and other drinks.

Terri Sokoloff, a principal of Ross-based Specialty Group, who represented the property, said Miller was highly interested in the property.

"I think he gets the neighborhood and he wants to do something different," she said. "He saw the place and fell in love with it at first sight."

The Fire Side Pub will mark the first time the property at 6290 Broad St. will operate as something other than Station Street Hot Dogs, a business Sousa added his own interpretation to for the past few years as the restaurant featured a wide range of different hot dogs and expanded into tacos as

well.

The restaurant is expected to open this summer, added Sokoloff, as Miller renovates the property and establishes a liquor license for the business, which her husband [Ned Sokoloff](#) is working to obtain.

Sokoloff said there was far more interest in the restaurant property now than there was two years ago.

"The caliber of people looking at it is completely different from when I was marketing it two years ago," she said. "To me, that's a big sign."

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