

WINDSOR CHARTER TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
PUBLIC HEARING – MAY 10, 2017
REGULAR MEETING – MAY 10, 2017
MEETING ROOM – 7:00 PM

The Public hearing for Verizon Wireless Special Use Permit was called to order by Chairperson Jim Bogi at 7:00 pm.

Present: Bogi, Johnson, Pray, Bergamini, Brija and Holtz

Absent: Sabourin

Also Present: Chief Miller, Asst. Chief Fabijancic and Lisa Rumsey, Clerk

Stephen Estey on behalf of Verizon Wireless started out by thanking Morris and Joan Marsh, the property owners, for coming tonight. Verizon is pleased to be able to come into the community and provide additional infrastructure and service. This site was selected because Verizon could not co-locate on any other existing site. There are two other towers in the vicinity but they are far enough away that they don't resolve the coverage issues in this area. Mr. Estey reviewed the map exhibits included in the Special Use Permit Application, the current coverage, the proposed coverage, the surrounding exhaustion sectors and the existing towers in the township maps. Verizon tries to minimize the impact on communities, so they look for agricultural areas, try to construct what is called a monopole design (less impact able than the large lattice towers) and try to ensure the tower won't be lighted (people don't like to see lights on top of the towers). The proposed tower height will be 195' with a 2' lightning rod. It will be structurally sound and does allow for two additional co-locations (as required by the township ordinance). This will benefit the community as new carriers come into the area, the township will be able to direct them to this tower. Mr. Estey commented Verizon has addressed the Emergency Services concerns, referenced the updated set of plans, and the letter stating Windsor Township Emergency Services is satisfied with the updates as provided in the plan revisions.

Bob Przybylo on behalf of Verizon Wireless reviewed the site plan. Mr. Przybylo went over the leased area of the parcel for the tower, equipment cabinets installed on a concrete pad, backup generator and 1000 gallon propane tank being stored on site. There will be a gravel access drive at Holt Road and 8' high chain link fencing surrounding the site with locked gates at the site as well as at Holt Road.

Jaye Bergamini commented she was glad the tower was not going to be lite, but wanted to know if that was a function of the tower's height. She was assuming Verizon was aware an airstrip, Skyway Estates not too far from the proposed tower location. Bob Przybylo responded Verizon still has to go through and receive FAA approval. Verizon will get a FAA determination as well as register the site with FCC. Jaye Bergamini verified the tower will support two additional carriers, confirmed by Mr. Przybylo. Jaye Bergamini also commented on receiving the land owner's authorization letter.

With no more questions Chairperson Bogi closed the public hearing at 7:12 pm.

The regular meeting of the Windsor Charter Township Planning Commission was called to order at 7:12 pm by Chairperson Bogi.

Pray moved and Johnson seconded to approve the agenda as amended, adding Zoning Ordinance Amendment under New Business. Carried 6-0.

Bergamini moved and Holtz seconded to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Carried 6-0.

Hear Public present on agenda items: None.

Reports:

Board of Trustees: Pray reported proceeding with sale of property.

Board of Appeals: Crandell Bros. Trucking was granted placing berms in place of fencing.

Board of Review: None

Reports & Announcement: Michigan Public Service Commission (MPSC) is providing a video/cable dispute resolution process for customers, providers, and franchise entities (municipalities). This dispute resolution process allows customers who are unable to resolve their video/cable television complaints with their provider to file a complaint with the MPSC. For more information a copy of MPSC's letter is posted on the township's website.

Unfinished Business:

Bergamini moved and Johnson seconded to recommend to the Township Board the approval of Verizon Wireless Special Use Permit. Carried 6-0.

New Business:

Pray moved and Bergamini seconded to change next month's Planning Commission Meeting to Wednesday, June 7, 2017 at 7:00 pm and to set the Public Hearing for an Amendment to Zoning Ordinance No. 25 for next month's meeting. Carried 6-0.

HEAR PUBLIC PRESENT ON ANY SUBJECT: None.

With no further business **Johnson moved and Holtz seconded to adjourn the meeting. Carried: 6-0.**
Adjournment: 7:24 pm.

Lisa A. Rumsey, Clerk
Windsor Charter Township