

Kearney Township Planning Commission  
Regular Board Meeting and Special Board Meeting  
Monday November 19, 2018  
7:00pm

**Minutes**

- Call to Order: Dave VanSice called the meeting to order at 7:00pm
- Roll Call: Present: Valuet, Campbell, Przybyszewski, Hagood, VanSice
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Conflict of Interest: None
- Approval of Agenda: Motion by Campbell, support by Hagood to approve the agenda as presented. All voting yes. Motion carried.

Open Public Hearing for Text Amendment for Resort Residential/ Verizon Tower: The public hearing was opened up at 7:11pm. Peter Wendling explained the text amendment in which we are considering. John Crane, Verizon's Attorney spoke to the audience and told them that they are asking for a text amendment to allow cell phone towers in the resort residential area. They have proposed a 170 foot monopole. This pole would be approx. 40 foot north of the current water tower. He explained that there will be no lights, or guidelines on this tower. After Mr. Crane's explanation of what they are proposing, the floor was opened up to anyone in the public that wanted to speak. The following people spoke at the public hearing: Deb Gerber, Dan Brady, Scott Bicknell, Joe Geshel, Don Hirt, Sam Cataldo, Stacy Maza, Mike Lee, Pete Britten, Sherry Willard, Grace Adamek, Arthur Curtis, Linda Gallagher, Leanne Kerr, Tim Gregory, Faye Bucci, Brenda Bartell, Paul Murry, Frank Leonard, Keith Moody and Missy Rainey. There was talk of the opposition of the tower coming to the Shanty Creek property. The majority of people (only 3 of the 21 people that spoke were in favor of the tower) were very unhappy that we wanted to bring a tower to this Shanty Creek location. Public concerns included: potential home value decrease anywhere from 2-20%, health concerns that are brought from the radiation of the tower, this would open up possibility of multiple towers in the RR District, unsightliness of the tower in people backyards and out people windows, concerns about breakage of the tower and the tower falling, ice falling off of the towers and injuring people/ homes, many did not understand why this could not be moved to a piece of property already zoned agriculture, there was also comments that we as a planning commission purposely planned this hearing during a holiday week and when many

of the residents were already gone for the winter. There were many people that stated the same concerns over and over. We also received via mail and email three letters from people who could not be at the public hearing. There was one letter from Dave Gajda opposing the change. One letter from Antrim County Sheriff Office and one letter from Haggard's Plumbing and Heating both in favor of the zoning change. Attached to the meeting minutes is a list of all the public that signed in for the public hearing. After many people had the opportunity to speak with some speaking several times we closed the meeting at 8:36pm. There was a motion by Campbell with a second from Przybyszewski to table the voting on this till the December 2018 meeting. All voting yes, motion carried.

Approval of Minutes: October 15 minutes Motion by Valuet, support by Hagood to approve the minutes with corrections. All voting yes. Motion carried.  
October 22 minutes Motion by Campbell, support by Hagood to approve the minutes. All voting yes. Motion carried.

Correspondence: None

Public Comment: None

Report from Twp Official/ Zoning Administrator: Dan stated that is has been slower with only a few applications for garages and houses.

Old Business:

- A. Review Zoning Ordinance  
We tabled this as Michelle is still working on this.
- B. Verizon Tower  
We are tabling this until our December meeting.

New Business

Public Comment: The COO from Shanty Creek spoke and said that the resort was not for it or against it, and they would go with whatever the outcome was.

Commission Comment: Dave thanked everyone for helping cover him last month.

Adjourn: Motion by Przybyszewski, support by Hagood to adjourn the meeting at 8:57pm. All voting yes. Motion Carried

Respectfully Submitted By

*Melissa Przybyszewski*

Melissa Przybyszewski, Secretary