

Planning Commission Meeting-Special Hearing
Blue Lake Township Hall
1491 Owasippe Road
Twin Lake, Mi 49457
October 20, 2011

The Meeting called to order at 7:05 PM.

Present were: Jim Cordray, Barb Grob, Lyle Monette, & Norm Swier

Guests: Dan Mondrella, Al & Pam Geisler, Fed Arbogast, Don Studaven & Walter Udell

Perfection of agenda: No change

Purpose of the hearing was discussed by the chairman, Norm Swier. Purpose was to hear public comment regarding installation of a communication tower near Holton-Whitehall Rd and Russell Rd.

Notice of hearing and affidavit of notification was shown.

A presentation by Dan Mondrella of AT & T was given.

The structure is to be 225 feet tall and in a 75 by 75 ft enclosure fenced in by a 6 ft fence. The lease will be for 5 years and renewable after each 5 year period. The tower will be leased to 3 or 4 companies, under AT & T guidelines. No agreement has been reached with any other company at this time.

There were no questions from the public.

Zoning Administrator noted that the tower will be well within the setback guidelines and very few trees will need to be cut. It was noted that there will be no guy wires outside of the enclosure. The lease also addresses the question of de-commissioning of the tower.

The Planning Commission asked about the 5 mile radius for reception with cell phones and the 5 mile radius is the minimum for signals.

Also questioned was the up and down of signals due to terrain and trees and Mr. Mondrella noted that this would not be a problem.

Some technical questions were asked and Mr. Mondrella will get information on the specific questions.

The question was asked about cell phone service in outlying areas and the service is expected to be much better and more reliable.

A motion was made and 2nd to table the decision until the township attorney has a chance to look at the agreement.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Lyle Monette, Secretary