

EDWARDS TOWNSHIP PUBLIC HEARING

November 11, 2024 7:00pm

PRESENT: Supervisor Rob Kowalski, Clerk Korey Kripli, Treasurer Eileen Fournier, Trustee Dan Zettel (absent), and Trustee Todd Johnson (absent)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA:

Motion by Eileen Fournier, supported by Korey Kripli to approve the agenda presented with the addition 3A as Public Comment on the Agenda. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE AGENDA: None

CHRIS GROBBEL ON BEHALF OF EDWARDS TOWNSHIP:

Chris Grobbel presented the Finding of Facts for the Cell Tower that will be constructed on the parcel owned by James and Susan Wangler located at 3806 S. Green Road in West Branch, Michigan.

The Planner's Report and Findings of Facts have been provided at the end of these meeting minutes.

Motion by Robert Kowalski, supported by Eileen Fournier to approve conditionally the Planner's Report and Finding of Facts Application provided on November 11, 2024.

Roll Call: Kowalski Y Kripli Y Fournier Y Johnson A Zettel A

Motion passed.

PYRAMID NETWORK SERVICES:

Pyramid Network Services answered questions during the Public Comment section of the meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Rick Stillwagon stated that he wanted to make sure that the concrete will be discarded if the tower were to be torn down and not be in business anymore. The Finding of Fact states that the dwelling must be restored to natural conditions within 90 days. Pyramid Network Services agreed.

Larry Kartes was concerned about the landscaping and how snow would factor with the service of the cell tower. Chris Grobbel explained that the shrubbery wouldn't be around the gate and wouldn't affect service of the tower.

A resident asked what companies the cell tower offers. Pyramid Network Services stated Verizon Wireless, T-Mobile, AT&T, and Dish. There is room for a 5th company as well.

Robert Clayton asked if there were any issues with radiation or any problems of killing insects or bees. Pyramid Network Services stated that the carriers are all governed by the FCC and that to their knowledge there has never been any harmful effects of radiation from the cell towers they have installed.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

- Township Board Meeting: Monday, November 11, 2024 7:30pm

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Robert Kowalski, supported by Eileen Fournier to adjourn at 7:38pm. Motion carried.

Rob Kowalski, Supervisor

Korey Kripli, Clerk