

The Chardon Township Zoning Commission (“ZC” or “Board”) met on this date with the following members present: Ted Gdovichin, Carol Kovac, Richard Piraino, Ed Slusarski, Sandy Smith, and Don Mohney, Zoning Inspector.

The meeting was called to order at 7:08 p.m.

The Board reviewed the January 20, 2020 meeting minutes.

Mrs. Kovac moved to accept the January 20, 2020 minutes as presented. Mr. Slusarski seconded the motion.

AYES: GDOVICHIN, KOVAC, PIRAINO & SLUSARSKI. SMITH abstained as she was not present at the January 20, 2020 meeting.

The Board then proceeded to talk about wireless telecommunication facilities which was prompted by a variance application submitted by AT&T. Ms. Kerry shared information she gather from other townships that she pulled from their on-line Resolutions.

Mr. Piraino stated that according to Section 1701.03 cell towers are only allowed in the Commercial District. Mr. Mohney stated that there are three places where cell towers are allowed.

Mrs. Smith commented that she lives in an area without service and Mr. Mohney responded that what AT&T is proposing will help her.

Mr. Piraino asked how tall the proposed AT&T tower will be and Mr. Mohney responded that it will be 195 feet tall. Mrs. Kovac commented that neighbors will be notified because it will be a Conditional Use. Ms. Kerry confirmed that the neighbors will be notified.

The Board then briefly discussed the list of businesses in the Commercial District and decided to table this and work on wireless telecommunication facilities first.

Mr. Mohney stated that any revisions to the Resolution with regard to cell towers won’t be done before AT&T’s variance hearing, but the section still needs to be updated.

Mrs. Kovac stated that she thinks the minimum distance between a telecommunication tower and structures located off the lot the tower is located should be changed (which minimum distance is 150% of the height of the tower). Mrs. Kovac then stated that cell towers are exempt in the Commercial District and proceeded to read Section 1704.00 – Public Utility Exemption - of the Chardon Township Resolution. Mr. Mohney responded that AT&T is not requesting a Public Utility Exemption, they are seeking a variance.

The Board decided that they should compare Chardon Township's wireless telecommunication section of the Resolution to other townships in Geauga County for review at the next meeting. Therefore, each person will be responsible for comparing the following township:

Ms. Kerry – Auburn Township  
Mrs. Kovac – Munson Township  
Mr. Piraino – Chester Township  
Mr. Gdovichin – Newbury Township  
Mrs. Smith – Hambden Township  
Mr. Slusarski – Russel Township

Any definitions associated with wireless telecommunications should also be included in the above research.

Next meeting is scheduled for March 2, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

Mrs. Smith moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:04 p.m. Mr. Slursarski seconded the motion.  
AYES: KOVAC, GDOVICHIN, PIRAINO, SMITH, & SLUSARSKI.

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Richard Piraino

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Linda Kerry, Secretary