

PLANNING COMMISSION
SPECIAL HEARING MINUTES

April 2, 2012 7:00 PM

Attendance:

Jeremy Irrthum
Dave Peine
Larry Runyan
Mike Tix
CaSondra Schaffer

This meeting is a continuance of the Public Hearing regarding the Verizon Cell Phone tower that has been requested to be erected on Don Halepaska's property located at 5000 222nd St Hampton, MN 55033.

Larry Runyan read the minutes from the public hearing meeting. Dave Fischer from Buell Consulting presented all the drawings and explained where the tower would be located on the property. The Rother's were opposing the location of the tower because of its location on the property.

Jeremy Irrthum asked where the cell phone tower would be located looking at the arial picture. Dave Fischer gave a brief summary of why they choose the location of the tower on the land. He also stated that he does want the land owner (Rothers) to know that he understands their concerns of having to look at a tower but it meets all the setbacks and the zoning.

CaSondra asked if the tower will be on the Agriculture part of the land. Dave stated that it is on agricultural land that was not in the agricultural Ag preserve. Larry Runyan states that the tower meets all the expectations. Mrs. Rother stated that she does not like the fact that she will be looking at a tower everyday out her window. Jeremy Irrthum also stated that was his concern and that most towers are in an inconspicuous spot where you rarely ever notice them. He did state that there will be trees planted and so forth but even then they won't obscure the whole tower. Jeremy would personally like to see it moved in a more inconspicuous spot. Mrs. Rother asked why it couldn't be moved back to the south corner where no one would notice it. Jeremy asked if there was any possibility to go North with it? Dave stated that it was not an option for the landowner to move it due to the future plans of the property and the setback might be an issue. The board discussed that there would be 15 foot trees be planted in front of the driveway to the end of the building.

CaSondra Schaffer made a motion that the Planning Commission makes a recommendation to the board approval of the site for Verizon cell phone tower, seconded by Dave Peine. The planning commission resinded the motion . **Dave Peine made a motion for recommendation to the board for approval for the proposing site with the restrictions of putting 15 ft blue spruce trees staggered within the whole 100 ft of the north side, seconded by Larry Runyan. The motion was 3 in favor (Peine, Runyan and Tix) and 2 opposed (Irrthum and Schaffer). Motion carried.**

Dave Peine made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by CaSondra Schaffer. It was unanimously passed. Meeting was adjourned at 7:42 p.m.