

The Town of Cochection Planning Board
Regular Meeting
February 24, 2011

Present: Sharron Cardone, George Walter, Neal Halloran, Earl Bertsch, George B. & Jim Crowley.

Also Present: Stacey Kalta, Denise Pantzer, Neil Alexander, Ed Grund, Penny Ackermann, Timothy Ackermann, Tom Mootz, Michelle Mootz, Allison McDuffin, Hilda Ruhry, Quinn Acardy.

The meeting was opened with the pledge to the flag.

A motion to accept the March minutes was made by George W. and seconded by Jim All in favor with 1 absent.

Correspondence: 1. Sharron reported that there would be a Land Use Course in Orange County. She has the details.
 2. Lauren received verification for advertising for the balloon float from Cuddy & Feder.
 3. Jim and George B. reported that they attended a Gas Drilling Seminar in Eldred.

Old Business:

The application from Cuddy and Feder, represented by Neil Alexander for AT&T was presented. A cell tower is proposed for 322 Mueller Rd at the Ackerman Farm. It would be 195' tall with 6 proposed carriers. Sharron reports that we are not having a public hearing tonight and that it may not be until April that a PH is scheduled. Sharron also reported that Supervisor Gary Maas traveled around Cochection on the day of the balloon float, observing from many sites. Sharron introduced Stacey Kalta of HDR as our expert in this field. She will analyze the information from Cuddy & Feder and report back to the PH on what is factual. Neil Alexander of Cuddy & Feder reported about the balloon float visuals and that the FCC requires AT&T to provide service in this area. Neal Halloran asked about exhibit D (health & safety) on the report and that information is to be provided. Sharron allowed the public to ask questions. Mrs. Mootz reported that her son has Hodgkin's Lymphoma and wanted to know what impact the cell tower would have on health. Mr. Alexander answered that all research to date does not make any correlations. He also reported that tonight, only visual issues were being discussed. Mrs. Ackermann questioned how the cell tower would impact on the resale value of her property. Mr. Alexander again stated that he is discussing visual aspects and also discussed cell phone coverage at the Sullivan West HS needs. He agreed that a PH is premature and that he needs to get more information to the PB. Jim reported about other cell towers in the area and Stacey Kalta of HDR submitted a report to Sharron with additional information. There was more input from the public and Earl explained that the PB makes recommendations to the TB and does not make the laws. He also reported procedure and Sharron concurred that the PB cannot go against zoning. Mr. Alexander reported that the tower would be a monopole that is 4' diameter width at the bottom with a 75'x75' base.

New Business:

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Other Business:

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A motion to adjourn was made by George W. and seconded by Jim. All in favor with 1 absent.

Respectfully submitted.
Lauren H. Bunch
PB Clerk