

The Town of Cochection Planning Board
Regular Meeting
May 26, 2011

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

Also Present: Ira Cohen, Denise Pantzer, Neil Alexander, Ray Vergati, Stacey Calta, Anthony Botta, Donna Ackermann, William Ackermann, Allison McGuffin, Ron Evans.

The meeting was opened with the pledge to the flag.

A motion to accept the April minutes was made by Earl. and seconded by George W.. All in favor with 3 absent.

Correspondence: None

Old Business:

1. 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 is requested be 195' tall with 6 proposed carriers on a leased ¼ acre. Earl asked Ray Vergati about other proposed cell towers in the area (Boy Scout & Swan Lake). Mr. Vergati acknowledged these towers. Stacey Calta of HDR discussed proposed screening for the house on Lounsbury Rd. She suggested all evergreens (white pine) that would grow at a rapid rate (20' in 5 years). PB member Neal suggested a 6' berm and PB member Earl suggested planting Popels or larger tree behind the evergreens for a more immediate screen, as they grow quickly but do not last as long as evergreens and will block more in the summer. Atty Ira Cohen reminded the PB that they can impose that as a condition of approval. Allison McGuffin asked the difference in price between a 10' to a 15' tree. It will be investigated. Sharron discussed the 195' height of the tower with Atty Cohen. He said it was not unreasonable. The GML 239 is not back from the county yet. PB member Neal would like to see a budget for landscaping from AT&T and Sharron suggested holding any final decision to next meeting when more PB members are in attendance. PB member Earl asked about tower abandonment and Neil Alexander of Cuddy & Feder reported that the lease requires removal of an abandoned tower. He also recommended a removal assurity and that he will work out the details with our attorney. Stacey Calta reports no problems with water runoff and she and Denise Pantzer will work further on landscaping for the site. Less than 1/3 of an acre will be disturbed, so a swpps is not necessary. PB member Earl asked what other permits may be necessary. Mr. Alexander reported that a construction permit and maybe a driveway permit, although there is already a driveway in place. PB member Neal wants more information on sight distance for the driveway. HDR will address this. Neil Alexander offered an extension on the 62 day rule and will send that to Atty Cohen in writing. Sharron discussed escrow itemization with Mr. Alexander. He will have it by next month. A check for \$8,000.00 was reported as sent to the clerk, but not yet verified as received.

New Business:

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Other Business:

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A motion to adjourn was made by George W. and seconded by Earl. All in favor with 3 absent.

Respectfully submitted,

Lauren H. Bunch
PB Clerk