

EAST DONEGAL TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

December 5, 2013

Time: 6:30 P.M._

Place: Township Building

Attending Members: Engle, Guinivan, LaBuda, Kling, Hess, Johnstin and Brubaker

Township Supervisors: Allen Esbenshade, Dennis Drager and John Murphy

Township Staff: Jeffrey Butler, Township Manager

Other Attendance as attached._

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman, Charles Engle.

Mr. Engle announced there were no Agenda Items and one Briefing Item on the agenda for this meeting.

NO PUBLIC COMMENT

By motion from Ms. LaBuda and seconded by Mr. Kling, the November 7, 2013 meeting minutes were approved. Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEMS

NONE

BRIEFING ITEMS

- 1. Conditional Use Application – Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless –**
Construction of Commercial Communications Tower – 331 Anderson Ferry Road –
Zoned A – Agricultural

Mr. James Strong, representing the applicant, was present to discuss this application for conditional use to permit the construction of a commercial communications tower facility at 331 Anderson Ferry Road. The property on which the tower is to be placed is owned by the Congregational Bible Church. The tower is proposed to be placed on the eastern portion of the church's property, between the access drive from Ore Mine Road and the PPL property to the south.

Mr. Strong indicated that the applicant will be utilizing a 100' X 100' lease area for the tower facility. A 50' X 50' area will be fenced and provided a landscape screen.

The proposed tower would be 190' in height and would be a monopole structure.

The applicant has already been granted two variances from the Township Zoning Hearing Board. Both variances were related to required setback distances. The applicant was granted a variance from setback to the property line common with PPL and a variance from setback from an existing shed building on the church property. In granting the variances, the Zoning Hearing Board attached a condition requiring an aircraft warning light at the top of the tower structure.

There was general discussion regarding potential electrical interference from the adjacent power transmission line. Mr. Strong indicated that it would not pose a problem for either the applicant or the power company.

Mr. Strong stated that an additional representative of the applicant will be made available at the next meeting of the Planning Commission to address some of the technical questions of the Commission and the technical requirements of the zoning ordinance.

No action was taken.

OTHER BUSINESS

Planning Commission members discussed alternative meeting dates for the January 2014 meeting. It was decided that the January 2014 meeting be moved from the first Thursday of the month (January 2nd) to Thursday, January 9, 2014 at 6:30 PM.

The meeting ended at 6:55 PM on a motion by Mr. Guinivan, seconded by Mr. Brubaker.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jeffrey L. Butler, Township Manager

THE NEXT MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION
WILL BE HELD JANUARY 9, 2014 AT 6:30 P.M.