

MINUTES

Cascade Charter Township Planning Commission
Monday, March 5, 2012
7:00 P.M.

ARTICLE 1. Chairman Sperla called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
Members Present: Hammond, Lewis, McCarthy, Mead, Pennington, Sperla, Waalkes, Williams
Members Absent: Robinson, excused
Others Present: Planning Director Steve Peterson

ARTICLE 2. Chairman Sperla led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ARTICLE 3. Approve the current Agenda.

Motion was made by Member Waalkes to approve the Agenda. Support by Member Hammond. Motion carried.

ARTICLE 4. Approve the Minutes of the February 21, 2012 meeting.

Motion was made by Member Lewis to approve the Minutes as presented. Support by Member McCarthy. Motion carried.

ARTICLE 5. Acknowledge visitors and those wishing to speak to non-agenda items

There was no one present who wished to speak to non-agenda items.

ARTICLE 6. Case #12-3063 AT&T Mobility

(Public Hearing)

Property Address: 2990 Buttrick Ave.

Requested Action: The applicant is requesting a Type I Special Use Permit to Co-locate new equipment on the existing tower.

Planning Director Steve Peterson introduced this case by stating that the property is owned by Cascade Township. The existing tower is located behind the Buttrick Fire Station.

The tower has been there for quite some time and the applicant is requesting a few minor additions.

Our Engineer, Andy Felde reviewed the application and he has found that the structure is adequate to hold this antenna.

Staff recommends approval of the Special Use Permit to co-locate on the existing tower.

Chairman Sperla asked the applicant, Michael Snyder to comment further. Mr. Snyder, representing AT&T Mobility, stated that this request is for the 4G LTE upgrade which will provide increased speed and capacity and data service from this site without adding a new tower site.

Chairman Sperla announced that the case was slated for Public Hearing. **Member Lewis made a Motion to open Public Hearing. Support by Member Hammond. Motion carried.**

With no one present to comment from the public, Member Lewis made a Motion to close Public Hearing. Support by Member McCarthy. Motion carried.

There were no calls to the Township in regards to this case.

Member Waalkes made a Motion to approve the Special Use Permit. Support by Member Pennington. Motion carried.

ARTICLE 7. Case #12-3064 AT&T Mobility

(Public Hearing)

Property Address: 3000 Kraft Ave.

Requested Action: The applicant is requesting a Type I Special Use Permit to Co-locate new equipment on the existing tower.

After introducing the case, Chairman Sperla asked the Planner for staff comments.

Peterson said that the existing tower in this case is at 3000 Kraft. It is on the RBC Ministries property. As with the previous case, the Engineer has reviewed the plans and has found that the structure is adequate to hold the antennas. Staff reported that this case meets the standards for a Special Use Permit and recommends approval.

Michael Snyder from AT&T Mobility was present to comment and take questions from Board Members. Mr. Snyder commented that they are adding three antennas and the ground equipment inside the existing ground-space. A structure analysis has already been done. It is the same upgrade as the tower on Buttrick.

Member Pennington made a Motion to open Public Hearing. Support by Member Hammond. Motion carried.

With no one from the public to comment, Member Lewis made a Motion to close Public Hearing. Support by Member Williams. Motion carried.

Staff commented that there were no calls or questions from the public prior to the meeting.

Member Lewis made a Motion to approve the request for a Type I Special Use Permit to collocate new equipment on the existing tower at 3000 Kraft. Support by Member Mead. Motion carried.

ARTICLE 8. Any other business:

ARTICLE 9. Adjournment

Motion was made by Member Waalkes to adjourn. Support by Member Pennington. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen McCarthy, Secretary

Carol M. Meyer, Planning Administrative Assistant