



**Minutes of Public Hearing
May 4, 2011 6:00 P.M.
Town of Spider Lake • Sawyer County, WI**

The hearing was called to order at 6pm by Brian Hucker. All members of the Planning Commission, Steve Boss zoning administrator, Secretary Kathy Overman present.

The Public Notice which is attached to the minutes was read into the record regarding the application by Cheqtel Wireless for a conditional use permit to construct a cell tower on property currently owned by Timothy and Prudence Ross.

Hucker reported that the town had received comments from Rose Lillyroot from EMS and Sawyer County and Rose expressed concern that accommodations be provided for use of this tower for the EMS system for the county. Secondly, Jenny Wickland had called to state that generally she supported having a cell tower erected in the town.

James Imse testified that he was in favor of having a cell tower both for emergency services and from general cell usage. He had questions about how the tower would be illuminated and whether there was anything that could be done to shield the lighting.

James Nickels shared his insights regarding FAA requirements and the need for the tower either to be painted or illuminated.

No one appeared on behalf of Cheqtel and the public comment section of the hearing was closed.

Ross recused herself from Commission discussions. Boss reported that he had not received the 11x17 scalable drawings. Also nothing was submitted regarding electrical, road upgrade details or access from hwy 77, site address, fire number signage, fall zone data, insurance, bonding, estimated useful life, estimated cost for decommissioning the tower, etc.

Hucker asked if anything had been submitted regarding fencing, a security plan, information about the self-collapsing design of the tower, fall zone, accessory buildings, if any, antenna array, accommodations for EMS usage, etc.

A motion was made by Cerman and seconded by Wood to table this matter until the June meeting of the PRC. It was noted that both Boss and Hucker had a number of conversations with the representative over the last few month requesting information in advance of the hearing. Discussion followed regarding what efforts Boss will make to follow up with the representative in advance of the Commission's next meeting.

The motion to table was approved 4-0

Minutes by acting Secretary Kathy Overman

Town of Spider Lake
Minutes of the Plan and Review Commission Meeting
May 4, 2011

Meeting was called to order at 6:25 p.m. All Planning Commission members are present as is ZA Boss.

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of the minutes of the April 2, 2011 meeting

Move to approve by Brandt 2nd by Cerman MC

Old Business

1) Continued discussion on Sawyer County proposed Shoreland Ordinance

Boss reported that the county will be scheduling a public hearing on the proposed ordinance in July of 2011. He noted that one of the more controversial issues will be interpretation of what is deemed to be ordinary repair and maintenance and what will constitute a “structural change” which will be much more limited. There was further discussion about how “mitigation” will play into what can be done.

The county reported that the DNR has indicated that the proposed amendments are in conformity with amended NR115.

2) Continued discussion on draft of the Sawyer County Telecommunications Facilities Ordinance

Boss and Hucker have received conflicting information as to whether the county is going forward with the current draft of the proposed ordinance. Boss will continue to monitor.

3) Continued work on proposed text amendments to Part II Subdivision Control

The commission discussed coordinating the town’s ordinance structure with the changes the county is making. The county is moving in the direction of separate ordinances for zoning, subdivision control and shoreline. There was discussion about continuing to require CSMs for each new lot created. Discussion followed regarding how the town’s existing ordinance differs from what the county has. The commission went through a line by line discussion of suggested changes to about half of Part II. This review will continue at the next meeting.

Motion made to adjourn by Brandt 2nd by Ross MC

Minutes submitted by Acting Secretary Kathy Overman