

Town of Parma Planning Board  
October 21, 2019

Members Present:

Chairman:  
Executive secretary:

Tod Ferguson  
Dennis Scibetta  
Mike Ingham  
Mike Reinschmidt  
Bob Pelkey  
Mark Acker  
Daryl Maslanka (ALT)

Meeting called to order: 7 pm by Chairman Tod Ferguson

Public Present: Richard Zajack, Taylor Legler, Dylan Boprey, Zachery Hagsen, Justin Getty, Anthony Wallace, Autumn Edwards, Jane Scialdone, Sierra Edwards

The meeting from the October 3, 2019 meeting were reviewed, there being no changes or questions, **Bob Pelkey made a motion to accept the meeting minutes for October 3, 2019 as presented. Seconded by Mike Reinschmidt. Motion carried unanimously 5-0.**

**PUBLIC HEARING**

Commercial Tower

222 Burritt Road

Mark Acker recused himself from these proceedings as he is an employee of Verizon who is the company planning on putting up the tower.

Richard Zajack a representative for Verizon, presented to the Board the final updated version of plans for a 120 foot cell tower, a 30 foot extension of the current tower, and a 360 square foot expansion of the base. He told the Board that the generator will be diesel powered.

Mr. Zajack stated that the Division of Environmental Permits still has the plans under review.

Dennis Scibetta stated that the Town Engineer, J.P., emailed his review of the plans and there are no comments or concerns.

The Board asked about the usage of the diesel powered generator. When would the diagnostic testing be done on the device and how often would it be done?

Richard Zajack stated that this will be scheduled on a predetermined schedule. He is not sure if it is monthly or weekly or if it will be done during the day or night.

The Board asked that this information be included on the final plans.

The Board questioned if there was a permit required from the Army Corps of Engineers to address the wetlands?

Richard read an email from the Army Corps of Engineers stating that a permit is not needed. He read the email to the Board and will provide a copy of the same to Dennis Scibetta.

Richard also told the Board that all requirements for the FAA have been met as well.

Chairman Ferguson read the Legal Notice.

The Public Hearing was opened at 7:13 pm.

There being several high school students in the audience, several questions were asked.

What does the tower have to do with our cell phones?

Richard stated that the tower needed to be higher than the trees in order to provide a clearer signal to help everyone's phones work better and keep calls and data from dropping.

What does the Planning Board do to approve the tower?

Chairman Ferguson told the students that the Board assess the plans for safety, quality of materials to be used, make sure that the plans meet all zoning codes and requirements, assess for environmental impact on the site.

There being no further questions or comments, the Public Hearing was closed at 7:35 p.m.

Chairman Ferguson then went through the Short SEQR form for the Type 1 action. Parts 1 and 2 were reviewed and the questions were all answered as little or no impact to the environment.

There being no further questions, comments or concerns, **Mike Reinschmidt made a motion to approve a Negative Declaration for the Type I action for a cellular tower at 222 Burritt Road. Motion seconded by Bob Pelkey. Motion carried unanimously 4-0, Mark Acker abstained.**

**Mike Ingham made a motion to grant preliminary approval to the plans for a 30 foot extension to the cellular tower and addition of 360 foot to the base of the tower requested by Verizon at 222 Burritt Road. Motion seconded by Bob Pelkey. Motion carried unanimously 4-0, Mark Acker abstained.**

There being no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Mark Acker to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 pm, seconded by Mike Reinschmidt. Motion carried unanimously 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Brisson, Recording Secretary  
Town of Parma Planning Board