

TOWNSHIP OF FREMONT
COUNTY OF TUSCOLA
MAYVILLE, MICHIGAN 48744
Planning Commission Meeting

April 5, 2016

Board Present: Amy Holbrook, Matt Blatt, Ron Curell, Ken Bragg, RoseAnn Laskowski, Terry Glowicki, and Tyler Ireland. **Board Absent:** None. **Guest Present:** Henry Wymore, Gerald Brown, Lyle Fryers, Bob DeCoe, and Ida Barrons.

Planning Commission Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Bragg.

Approve Minutes: Motion made by Blatt, seconded by Glowicki to approve the January 6, 2016, meeting minutes - motion carried.

Public Comments:

Bob DeCoe stated that he had questions regarding the tower that would be discussed later in the meeting and he wondered if he could wait and make his comments after that is discussed. Bragg stated that would be ok.

New Business:

Bragg stated that we don't have an actual application but that H. Wymore had received a request from Utility Network Authority to place a tower at the corner of Brown Road & Conrad Road in the road right-of-way. H. Wymore stated that he has talked to the Road Commission and that other townships have received a similar request and that some of them have denied the request because they are requesting in the road right-of-way. L. Fryers commented that he had not received any formal application or any contact from this company regarding this request. Blatt and Ireland stated that they think it is a dead issue because it doesn't meet our ordinance requirement of being 3 miles from existing towers. L. Fryers stated that maybe we should send them a copy of our ordinance so they know the requirements. Board discussed the fact that the request doesn't meet the ordinances requirements in Section 13.12C. Curell made a motion to deny the request from Utility Network Authority because it did not meet the requirements of our ordinance, Blatt seconded the motion. During the board discussion Bragg questioned as to whether or not we should have more specifics in the motion as to why we are denying the request. Bragg asked for a vote on the motion as stated – motion carried with 6 yes and 1 no.

At this time Bragg opened up the meeting to public comments. Bob DeCoe stated that cable companies are not the same as utility companies and they do not have the same authority. Cable companies cannot go on private property without the owner's permission. He also thanked the Board for the decision that they made regarding the tower because he feels there is already more than enough towers near his home because he can see 4 different towers from his living room window. Lyle Fryers asked the Board if it was allowed in our ordinance for him to put a sign up in his front yard for a home based business. The Board stated that as long as it met the correct size limitations that there was no problem. Bob DeCoe also mentioned that he feels the township needs to have a noise ordinance. Laskowski stated that when we updated our ordinance we discussed having a noise ordinance but it was decided that it would be difficult to enforce and that is why we currently do not have one.

Next Meeting: Next Planning Commission meeting will be on July 12, 2016, at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by

Amy L. Holbrook, Secretary