

MINUTES OF THE PLAN COMMISSION
June 8, 2009

The regular meeting of the Plan Commission was called to order by Vice Chairman William Cotey at 7:00 p.m. at the Village Hall.

Members present: Vice Chairman William Cotey, Scott Adams, Terry Howard, Walter Oakley, and Andy Robinson.

Members absent: Chairman Mark Moore and Robert Guarnaccio.

A quorum was established.

Village Staff present: John Spoden, Director of Community Development; and David Smith, Senior Planner.

OLD BUSINESS:

**PC 09-03 T-Mobile, Applicant
 800 Garfield Avenue**

Request is for a Special Use Permit for Personal Wireless Services Antennas and related electronic equipment in order to install wireless antennas on the Village of Libertyville Garfield Avenue water tower and related ground equipment in an IB, Institutional Buildings District.

**PC 09-04 T-Mobile, Applicant
 800 Garfield Avenue**

Request is for a Site Plan Permit in order to install Personal Wireless Services Antennas on the Village of Libertyville Garfield Avenue water tower and related ground equipment in an IB, Institutional Buildings District.

Mr. David Smith, Senior Planner, stated that the petitioner, Ray Shinkle, Insite Inc. on behalf of T-Mobile, is seeking approval for a Special Use Permit and Site Plan Permit for Personal Wireless Services Antennas with antenna support structure and related electronic equipment and equipment structure, and variations to increase the maximum permitted height of a structure and to reduce the minimum required Perimeter Landscaped Open Space in order to install multiple panel antennas on the crown of the Village of Libertyville water tower and ancillary ground equipment in an IB, Institutional Buildings District located at the Garfield Avenue Water Tank, 800 Garfield Avenue.

Mr. Smith stated that the petitioner is proposing to construct and operate an unmanned wireless communication facility at the Garfield Street Water Tank. Mr. Smith stated that antennas will be mounted to the 120 foot water tank and equipment cabinets enclosed by a six (6) foot high wood fence on the ground on the east side and adjacent to the water tank. Mr. Smith stated that the area

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proposed to be leased for the equipment cabinets will be approximately 300 square feet in area with evergreen landscaping planted on the outside of the proposed wood fence. Mr. Smith stated that access to the T-Mobile facility will be from the east side of Garfield Avenue via an access driveway.

Mr. Ray Shinkle, petitioner's authorized agent, stated that there is a gap in adequate coverage for T-Mobile customers. He stated that this proposal will reduce the gap in cell phone coverage. He stated that the Zoning Code stresses co-location and he therefore is attempting to take advantage of the existing water tower for antenna location.

Commissioner Robinson asked who T-Mobile competitors are. Mr. Shinkle stated that ATT, Sprint, Cricket, Verizon, and US Cellular are T-Mobile competitors.

Commissioner Robinson asked how much lease money that the Village would earn from this proposal. Mr. Shinkle stated that he believes that the amount is approximately \$2,000.00 per month.

Commissioner Howard asked what the public benefit is other than voice communication. Mr. Shinkle stated that the ability to transmit voice communication is included in the service.

Commissioner Howard asked if there are any other alternatives for the antennas. Mr. Shinkle stated that he believes that the next possible site for antenna installation could be the adjacent hospital.

Commissioner Oakley asked if the petitioner has received hospital approval for this proposal yet. Mr. John Spoden, Director of Community Development, stated that the petitioner has verbal approval from representatives from the hospital.

Vice Chairman Cotey asked the petitioner if they will comply with the Staff review comments found in the DRC Staff report. Mr. Shinkle stated that they will comply with all Staff review comments.

Vice Chairman Cotey asked how often the personal wireless facility will be accessed for maintenance. Mr. Shinkle stated that service visits may be between once every two or three months.

Vice Chairman Cotey asked for clarification as to how the installation of the cabling will be implemented. Mr. Shinkle stated that the installation will include the use of the existing portal for the co-axle cable inside the water tank.

Vice Chairman Cotey asked what the life span of the cable is. Mr. Shinkle stated that it is rare that there is a need to replace the co-axle cable.

Commissioner Robinson asked if there is space for co-location for other antennas. Mr. Spoden stated that Staff will review the petition and agreement to determine applicability for future collocation opportunities.

In the matter of PC 09-03, Commissioner Oakley moved, seconded by Commissioner Robinson, to recommend the Village Board of Trustees approve a Special Use Permit for Personal Wireless

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Services Antennas and related electronic equipment in order to install wireless antennas on the Village of Libertyville Garfield Avenue water tower and related ground equipment in an IB, Institutional Buildings District, in accordance with the plans submitted.

Motion carried 5 - 0.

Ayes: Cotey, Adams, Howard, Oakley, Robinson
Nays: None
Absent: Moore, Guarnaccio

In the matter of PC 09-04, Commissioner Howard moved, seconded by Commissioner Oakley, to recommend the Village Board of Trustees approve a Site Plan Permit in order to install Personal Wireless Services Antennas on the Village of Libertyville Garfield Avenue water tower and related ground equipment in an IB, Institutional Buildings District, in accordance with the plans submitted.

Motion carried 5 - 0.

Ayes: Cotey, Adams, Howard, Oakley, Robinson
Nays: None
Absent: Moore, Guarnaccio

NEW BUSINESS: None.

COMMUNICATIONS AND DISCUSSION:

Commissioner Oakley moved and Commissioner Howard seconded a motion to adjourn.

Motion carried 5 - 0.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.