

MINUTES

April 12, 2018

Meeting of the Wood-Ridge Land Use Board.

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Member Chairman Finke.

Opened meeting at 7:03pm

Flag salute

Roll call: Present Trotter, Helstoski, Braid, Magnusson, Ruhle, Donato, Iacovino, Finke

Absent: Azzolini, Eilert Not Voting: DiMarco, Pronti

Judith Fairweather, Pinilis Halpern Attorney for AT&T We are coming here today for Transformation Life Church and AT&T to install a cell tower in the church steeple. We are seeking C variances for rear and front setbacks as well as 300 feet to residential area. D1 use and D6 for height.

We will be swapping out the current generator for a larger one and the cement wall will cover it.

Gerry Salerno – Just want to let the board know that there was a prior application in 2004 on the same location with a different applicant. Since this is a different application and applicant I feel this is a legally substantial application.

Application is complete.

Daniel Penesso, Radio Frequency Engineer. I am responsible for the design for the applicant.

A-1 Map #1 showing area coverage is needed

A-2 Map #2 showing coverage if site approved

This will be a one carrier application

Ronald Petersen, Consultant and Health and Safety expert for AT&T The proposed equipment that will be used at the site will be antennas, and computer equipment in the basement. We test the equipment as if it would be running at maximum strength, maximum power continuously which they don't. The energy that is put out meets FCC standards.

Anthony Agresti, INCE Project manager and noise control expert. We will be replacing the current generator with a larger one that meets regulations. There is an existing wall which will be raised to cover the new generator. The generator will only run if there is a loss of power.

Braid – How often will the generator be tested? And during what hours? It will be tested once a month between 9 and 5.

Michael Rodrigues, Civil Engineer I drew the plans for the applications

A-3 Plans for application Sheet Z01 Site plan showing existing variances

The steeple is now 57.1 feet and we are proposing 71.2 feet. The base was 7 feet wide and we propose 10.6 feet wide. The equipment going in the steeple structure will be the antennas.

Finke – Can the height be lower? To encompass the structure need to be 71.2 feet.

Where in the basement will the other equipment be stored?

Pastor James Armpriester – equipment will be stored in basement near kitchen in air conditioned room with exhaust fan.

Nelson – Proposed steeple replacement is it already made? Yes, it is in 3 pieces and will be installed with a crane.

Magnusson – will additional lighting be required? NO FAA does not require it.

Sheet Z02 elevation sheet radio equipment – radio equipment which housed the radio signal to antennas, relay racks with electronic equipment.

Sheet Z03 plan of equipment.

Trotter – What pushes signal out? Base station equipment pushes it through antenna.

Nelson – what material will be used the steeple is wood now? Fiberglass.

How is the equipment connected to antennas? Through fiber optic cables in building.

Paul Ricci, Professional Planner –

A-4 site ID 1 picture of existing 1 picture of proposed

A-5 picture taken across from site

A-6 picture taken from Columbia Blvd 200 feet from site

Variances D1 use D6 height

D1 required that site is well suited for a cell tower since it is twice the size as a residential property and can be hidden in the steeple. D6 the steeple works without showing visible impact. The wireless facility does not increase population traffic or sanitary sewer.

Nelson – there are two other D variances.

Yes, but we provided D1 which requires the largest burden of proof.

Brian – So there will be leasing and rental fees? Yes.

OPEN TO PUBLIC

Greg Roman – 430 Columbia Blvd. Is this going to benefit the consumer or only first responders? The First Net is only for first responders.

They also said they would like to make the steeple higher? Did they approach the town to put it on the school?

It has to be in the valley, the school would be too high. And we would prefer to make the steeple higher but we made it to the minimum size.

Greg Roman - My family sleeps 70 feet from the tower would you live there? Ron Petersen – The levels are very low I would have no problem with my family living there.

Diane Delaney- Kurdyla 434 Columbia Blvd. my daughter has stage 4 cancer with side effects I don't want her living here with a cell tower I don't want this here.

Pamela Roman – 430 Columbia Blvd. – Why can't you use the pole by CVS? We approached the CVS but they are a one carrier pole.

Oliver Carcano- 442 Columbia Blvd. - I was here when the first application came in. I feel the church needs to be a good neighbor and they are going to have a preschool in the building they shouldn't have a cell tower. I feel our first responders have no issues with communications. I just see the church making money.

Brian- In light of the information that a preschool is going to be in the building a cell tower cannot be within 500 feet. We were not aware of the preschool.

Fairweather - We comply with FCC standards and there is no school in the building as of yet, the church is in the process of getting their license.

Ruhle – We have been discussing the RF coming off antennas what about coming off the computer equipment? All is shielded the energy is only from antennas.

James Prior – 438 Columbia Blvd. Can you give a 100% guarantee that there are and will not be any health issues? No one has come up with anything nor have we found anything.

Margaret Zampardi – 400 Columbia Blvd. AT&T doesn't have an answer and why would the town allow our children to be exposed so the church can make a profit.

CLOSED HEARING OF CITIZENS

A-7 Antenna site

A-8 Site plan waiver

A-9 Structural letter

A-10 Report submitted by WRFD

A-11 Nelson Report

A-12 Neglia Report

A-13 Certification of taxes

A-14 Affidavit of publication

A-15 Signed and sealed survey

Fairweather – AT&T looks for the best way to provide coverage for the area. I feel they have done their best job in this location.

Motion: A use variance to permit antenna in residential zone with a height of 72 feet with preexisting variances on the site with testing done between 9-5 on weekdays. 1st Trotter 2nd Magnusson
RC: all yes

We have two Bond Ord first 2018-2 Authorizing Road resurfacing program
1st Ruhle 2nd Donato All in favor (Renata left)

2018-3 Authorizing Public improvements
1st Braid 2nd Trotter 6 yes Magnusson abstain

Minutes 1st Trotter 2nd Ruhle Braid and Magnusson abstain 5 yes

Next meeting May 10th