

**Columbia Township
Planning Commission Meeting Minutes
September 5, 2017**

- 1) Call to order Meeting called to order by Chairman Gaede at 7:00 pm.
- 2) Roll Call Mahr, McKay, Gaede, Reynolds and Willerer present. Jarvis and Jeffreys absent.
- 3) Approve Agenda Motion by Reynolds to approve the agenda seconded by McKay. Vote taken Ayes All Motion Passed.
- 4) Approve minutes of June 6, 2017 meeting. Motion by Mahr to approve the minutes with the spelling of Planning be corrected seconded by Willerer. Vote taken Ayes All Motion Passed.
- 5) Site Plan review for property located at 8024 Jefferson Rd Columbia Twp to construct a 300ft tower for Jackson County Sheriff's Department.

Under Sheriff Chris Kuhl gave a description of the project and the communication network of five towers that this tower would be part of. The purpose of the tower is to provide better communication for emergency agencies police, fire, ambulance and government than we now have.

The tower will be owned by the county and serviced by the state.

Brent Doerr Jackson County Sheriff's Dept gave a description of the site stating it would be a 75ft compound fenced and landscaped. There would be a shelter bldg 11ft x 26ft with a propane tank for emergency power located on the property.

Gaede requested that Brent Doerr and secretary Reynolds sign the prints used for consideration of the tower project. Both agreed and signed. Prints used are T-1 dated 7/7/17, Site Survey 1 dated 5/23/17, Site Location C-1 dated 7/7/17 and Overall Site Plan dated 7/7/17.

Gaede questioned the 300ft height and was it approve by the FAA, Under Sheriff Kuhl stated yes that the FAA and Michigan Aeronautics have approved the tower. Gaede requested that a letter be sent showing the approvals. Under Sheriff agreed that a letter would be sent from Kent Mauer airport director.

Dawn Smith 8275 Jefferson Rd (Boyce Farms) stated that they had not received notification of the meeting and that the Site Location Plan C-1 dated 7/7/17 was in error. Please check for correct mailing address, **Boyce David P. P.O. Box 217 Clarklake Mi 49234**. The East property line should be located twenty feet (20) from the East property line of the farm house located within the County Property.

Reynolds stated have your atty contact the county and get it resolved, that is not our Responsibility. Mrs Smith questioned why the tower at Dermyers was not used. Under Sheriff Kuhl stated that tower is a private tower and can't be used. Smith stated that property values were going to be affected and why not locate the tower to the west on higher ground so not to affect property owners as much. She also felt that the county really didn't need another tower with all of them that are around.

Willerer questioned if another site had been considered?? Under Sheriff Kuhl stated yes but due to costs, obstructions, reception and that the State would not approve another site this is the best location for the tower.

Gaede questioned inspection of the tower yearly is required by the Township. Brent Doer stated that the State requires yearly inspections and can send a copy to the Township.

Mahr questioned the antennas, microwave dishes coaxial cables and weather or not any noise was emitted. Brent Doerr stated the only noise would be if a power outage occurred there would be emergency generator noise. Under Sheriff Kuhl stated that the tower will only be used by the County for Public Safety and not commercial use.

Gaede questioned screening and landscaping. Brent Doerr stated landscaping would be provided. Gaede questioned ownership of tower and equipment. Stated that the County owns the tower and all equipment and will be used only for public safety.

Motion by McKay to Approve the Tower, correct the site location plan if applicable and to provide screening for the fuel source. Motion seconded by Reynolds to approve the tower, correct the site location plan if applicable and screen the fuel source.

Willerer stated that he had concerns about weather or not the county had investigated using other county owned parcels. Under Sheriff Kuhl stated they had looked at other locations. Willerer reviewed land map and agreed.

Vote taken Ayes All Motion Passed to Approve the Tower at 8024 Jefferson Rd.

6) Public Comments None

7) Close Public Comments Motion by Reynolds to close Public Comments seconded by Mahr. Vote Taken Ayes All Motion Passed.

8) Schedule next meeting December 5, 2017 at 7:00 pm

9) Public Comment None

Willerer Thanked the Board for allowing him to serve. Willerer gave Reynolds a letter of

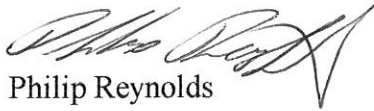
recommendation to have Todd Wanty replace him on the Planning Commission. Board members wished Willerer well and Thanked him for all he had done.

Discussion held on a temporary replacement for Willerer on the ZBA.
Motion by McKay to appoint Mahr as a temporary replacement for Bob Willerer on the ZBA as a Planning Commission Representative. Motion seconded by Willerer. Vote taken Ayes All Motion Passed.

Gaede read a letter from the Napoleon Planning Commission concerning rewriting their Land Use Plan and requesting cooperation from all governmental units.

10) Adjournment Motion by Willerer to Adjourn seconded by Reynolds. Vote taken Ayes All Motion Passed Adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully Submitted



Philip Reynolds