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Board of Supervisors Public Hearing Conditional Use Liberty Towers September 18, 2007 6:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Flatt called the Conditional Use Public Hearing to order at 6:05 PM at the Center Township Municipal Building, 419 Sunset Drive, Butler, PA. 16001

ROLL CALL: In addition to Flatt, those present were; Vice Chairman Andrew Erie; Supervisors Ed Latuska, Brian Hortert, and Thomas Schiebel; Township Secretary, Stephanie Sellers.

LIBERTY TOWERS PRESENTATION: Hillorie Morrison, representing Liberty Towers, along with Scott Holliday, Jeff Kerren, and Michael Hofe. Also, Mike Van Emon and Mike Johnson representing Cellular One, proposed to the Supervisors, a cell tower plan, asking for Conditional Use to locate a cell tower at Sunset Drive on the Snyder/Shalbot property.

Hillorie stated that the tower would be built for Liberty and Cellular One to meet the needs of Cellular One customers, and would be actively seeking to carry other providers. She feels it meets the conditional use requirements since it is in the M-1 zone and will be in harmony with the surrounding area, it will be a monopole style tower. She assured the Supervisors the plan will meet the setbacks and all the requirements of the ordinances.

Mike Hofe showed maps detailing the improvements in coverage for cell users and the areas that will gain coverage if granted conditional use.

Hillorie gave pictures to the Supervisors showing how the cell tower would be hidden behind trees and only a small portion of it would be visible from the road.

SUPERVISORS QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS:

1. Chairman Flatt asked how they were prepared for complaints and problems that could arise during construction and after. Hillorie responded that Liberty will continue to own the tower, do monthly inspections, and display their contact information should a problem arise.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

1. Lou Siyufy of LJS Development Corporation, representing Paul Brown of Vernon Lane, wanted the Supervisors to know that it is their belief that the tower would not meet the requirement of 3000 feet from tower to tower and asked the Supervisors to accept a letter of opposition with a map

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included as evidence that Liberty will be too close to a tower that is proposed in Clay Township. Chairman Flatt could not comment because Center Township does not have the information from Clay Township to compare.

2. Olive Meredith of William Flynn Hwy. asked Liberty representatives about the safety of radiation from the towers, interference with her current carrier, and if property values would decline from the addition of a tower in the area.

In response, Hillorie stated that all towers are regulated by the FCC and the EPA. Levels are well below the allowable amount, and furthermore, the addition of the tower will not interfere with her current cell coverage because it is a different frequency, could possibly improve it. In regard to property values, some believe that it adds value, but she has no written statement of that fact.

Supervisor Schiebel added that he spoke with four different Real Estate Agents in the area who all hold the opinion that having coverage would increase the marketability of property.

ADJOURNMENT: Supervisor Hortert made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:40 PM. Supervisor Schiebel seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

STEPHANIE SELLERS RONALD FLATT

Township Secretary Chairman

ANDREW ERIE EDWARD LATUSKA

Vice Chairman Supervisor

BRIAN HORTERT THOMAS SCHIEBEL

Supervisor Supervisor