

SANDS TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
February 9, 2022

1. Call to Order at 6:30 PM by Planning Commission Chair S. Brauer.
2. Roll Call: S. Brauer, P. Lajewski-Pearson, J. Yelle, S. Sundell, and C. Bushong
 - a. Others in Attendance: Randy Yelle, Pam Roberts
 - b. On Zoom: Chris Barton, Agent on behalf of North Tower Dev; Liz Rutkowski, North Tower Dev; Chris Carpenter, Representative for the Lighting Company out of Charlotte, NC.
3. Approval of agenda: Motion by C. Bushong, supported by P. Lajewski-Pearson, to approve the agenda as presented. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion Carried.
4. Approval of Minutes from January 25th: Moved to February 22, 2022 Special Meeting.
5. Business:
 - A. Public Hearing continuation from the January 25, 2022 meeting: A Special Use Permit request (SUP21-08). Tower North Development LLC and Verizon Wireless are requesting approval to install a 245 foot self support tower facility with 5 foot lightening rod on parcel numbers 52-14-127-003-10 and 52-14-134-007-00 in Sections 27 and 34, T47N-R25W, Township of Sands. This 20 acre property is owned by Marquette County Fair and zoned Open Space (OS). Tower will be located in the area of the parking lot.

Open Public Hearing: S. Brauer opened the Public Hearing at 6:35 PM.

 - a. Staff Input: R. Yelle explained soil/foundation and lighting specifications were provided to the board members by Chris Barton. R. Yelle stated that the tower foundation requirements must be approved by the Marquette County Codes department. He stated that the Aquifer is well over 100 feet below the surface.
 - b. Requester Input: Chris Barton explained that the lighting on the tower will flash, but it will not be strobe lighting.
 - c. Public Input: None

Close Public Hearing: S. Brauer closed Public Hearing 6:40 PM.

Commission Discussion and Action:

PC Members were satisfied with all supporting documents in regards to the soil/foundation requirements and lighting specifications.

P. Lajewski-Pearson moved, C. Bushong supported that after conducting the required public hearing, receiving input from Township Staff and the SUP21-08 requester, reviewing the Sands Township Zoning Ordinance and Master Plan, the Sands Township Planning Commission here by Grants SUP21-08 with the following conditions of approval:

- 1. Comply with all Federal, State, Marquette County & Local Laws, Ordinances and regulations.**
- 2. Provide written proof of access to tower (received per R. Yelle).**
- 3. Provide copy of lease.**

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion Carried.

6. S. Brauer adjourned meeting at 6:50 PM.

S. Brauer
Chairman

P. Lajewski-Pearson
Secretary

P. Roberts
Recording Secretary