

**Burr Oak Township Planning Commission Meeting**  
**August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 7:00 pm**

Commission Members Present: Tim Hahn, Rick Ultz, Mike Perry, Kevin Wickey

Guests: Amy Rodriguez, TeleCAD Wireless, Robert LaBelle, Williams Williams Rattner & Plunkett, P.C

Also Present: Cindy Hernandez, 33478 Dwight Road, Burr Oak, MI; Steven and Cherrie Shaw, 1228 Shawtown Road, Burr Oak, MI; Scott and Tina Cronkhite, 33135 Deer Park Road, Burr Oak, MI; Jerry Cronkhite, 33335 Deer Park Road, Burr Oak, MI; Mary Gould, 66270 Carpenterson Road, Sturgis, MI

Call to Order--Commission Chair Tim Hahn called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Approval of Meeting Agenda—A motion was made by Ultz with support by Perry to approve the meeting agenda as presented. The motion passed.

Pledge of Allegiance

Secretary's Report—The Commission reviewed the July 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022 Planning Commission meeting minutes. A motion was made to approve the minutes as presented by the Chair with support by Ultz. The motion passed.

New Business – None

Old Business –Special Exception Request – The Commission again reviewed the special exception request on behalf of Verizon Wireless for a cell tower to be located at 33520 Dwight Road, Burr Oak, MI on land owned by William and Cynthia McDaniels. Amy Rodriguez, TeleCAD Wireless and Robert LaBelle, Williams Williams Rattner & Plunkett, P.C. were present to represent the request.

After a brief presentation by Mr. LaBelle, the Chair opened the meeting up to questions and discussion from the commission as well as visitors present at the meeting. Commission members raised questions concerning the confusion on the search area. Applicants presented a search area map that was not part of the application to the Commission that was different from the search area verbally represented to the Commission. Commission members also questioned the future removal of the tower and the requirements of the zoning ordinance. Commission members also again discussed the possible co-location of Verizon's cell service with existing cell service located on the village water tower and noted that this existing location was not included in the engineering study presented by the applicants. Commission members also discussed discrepancies between the fall radius of the proposed tower as presented verbally to the Commission and the statement from the applicants licensed engineer provided earlier.

Wickey then moved to deny the special exception request as presented based on 1) an incomplete application (Zoning Ordinance, Article 27.2, C10 and C11), 2) conflicting information from applicant between written and verbal information provided, and 3) Lack of requested information from the applicant. The motion was supported by Ultz. The motion passed.

Adjournment

The Chair made a motion to adjourn, with support by Wickey. The meeting was adjourned at 7:25pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kevin Wickey, Secretary  
Burr Oak Township Planning Commission