

Board of Zoning Appeal Minutes
Thursday, May 14, 2020

Members present: Mike Young, Perry King, Charles McGuire, attorney Chou-il Lee, and Neal Allman.

Mike Young calls the meeting to order, then calls for a motion of the previous minutes. Charles McGuire motions to approve, Perry King seconds and the minutes are approved unanimously.

The first item on the agenda is for a special exception at 104 West Main Street, presented by Ross Holloway of Holloway Engineering on behalf of Eric and Crystal Rogers of PDS Wireless. The request is to allow the erection of a wireless communication tower to replace a previous tower that was recently damaged during a tornado. Ross Holloway explains that PDS Wireless is an integral part of the county that provides wireless services to many of the town businesses and residents. He further gives details of the tower explaining the services PDS provides are considered essential and there would be minimal impact on the surrounding area. Mike Young asks for questions from the board or audience. Perry King asks about the height of the new tower and if it were to fall, would it impact any residence. Mr. Holloway explains the new tower would be 120 feet tall and could impact a residence, but also stated there were improvements being made to ensure it is sturdiness and mentions the company is adequately insured to cover any damages. Charles McGuire questions whether the old tower would remain. Mr. Holloway explains that the old tower will go down as soon as the new tower is constructed. Dave Snider of 103 North Jefferson Street raises concerns about the size of the new tower and the impact it will have on views of the historical area of town. He also raises concerns about further expansions to the tower in the future. Ross Holloway explains that this tower will not exceed 120 feet. Neal Allman asks about the number of panels. Eric Roberts of PDS Wireless states the panels would be consolidated and that the new tower will be built with higher standards than the previous one. Charles McGuire makes a motion to approve the special exception for the construction of a new tower that will not exceed 120 feet and with the stipulation that the old tower is removed once complete. Perry King seconds the motion. The motion is passed 4-0.

Mike Young asks for old business. Charles McGuire questions the construction of 3 homes on East Saint Claire Street. Ross Holloway of Holloway Engineering explains that he does not represent the builder, but has knowledge that the lot has 3 plats, which could hold 3 separate homes so long as they fit the lot and met minimum requirements. Shane Williams and the board discuss the construction site. Mike Young calls for a motion to adjourn. Neal Allman motions to adjourn. Perry King seconds the motion and the motion is carried unanimously.

Michael Flynn

Chairman

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Secretary