

WEST BLOOMFIELD ZONING BOARD MEETING

APRIL 26, 2022

MINUTES

PRESENT: Chairman Sue Boardman, Sue Linder, Ruth Cahn, Sue Banister, Steve Brent,
David Hou (Town atty)

GUEST: Bill Johnson, Prof Chicarelli

7:00 Chairman Boardman calls meeting to order

VERIZON CELL -

Sue Linder recused herself

Verizon – Robert Bergdorf (Nixon), Mike Crosby, Jackie Bartolota

Issues having to do with sighting, once property chosen – where on property

Micro 1 – landowner consent

2 – RF – trees, ridge line

3 – constructability

Planning Board asked about further back on property – RF is questionable

Ruth Cahn – Diesel generator – response – runs certain time

Decibel level – response – working on that

Sue Banister – How long will it run if power out – response – as long as the power is out

Sue Boardman – Question of height, concerned about modifications if variance granted
response – built to work first time, 200' lit, eligible facility can add 20', must comply w/
orig conditions (not lit)

Bill Johnson, Prof Chicarelli – Has not seen responses to previous findings, working with
Mike Crosby
(here due to 1996 Congress act)

Prof Chicarelli – Looking @ info delivered today,

#5 Quantitatively at height – will it really pull overload away from near sights

#6 – not just coverage, but also congestion

#1 – how would small gaps be filled

3 year plus down the road? Hoping to get little more info

Robert Bergdorf – They are still working on addressing: RF, decibels, property values, light

Sue Boardman – Will this fix cell coverage

Bill Johnson – Working

Robert Bergdorf – Submitting all info to both boards
Jackie Bartolata – Noise study should be done tomorrow

Steve Brent – 2 years add 20' then lit?

Steve Brent – Shorter tower?

Mike Crosby – Scale of problem area is fairly large, minimal impact best coverage, RF justification, some towers 4.5 miles away serving here

Ruth Cahn – Down the road (future) 15' towers taken down when cell phones gone

Robert Bergdorf – All leases include “when no longer in use will be taken down”

Prof Chicarelli – 3 small vs 1 big alternatives exist but...looking forward he doubts towers will come down (refrigerators talking to Amazon, etc)

Sue Boardman – Distance in future

Bill Johnson – People have demand for wireless, won't get better, metrics to justify height, coverage & capacity – need both

Planning Board will be meeting 5/4/22

David Hou – Suggests re-taking this issue up after Planning Board – 5/10?
Suggests adjourning Public Meeting

Robert Bergdorf – Standard applies here is lower – public utility

7:45 Sue Boardman – Motion to adj Public Meeting until 5/10
Sue Banister seconded
All approved