

August 8, 2013

Planning Commission Meeting

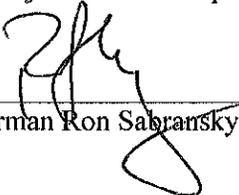
- AT&T cell tower, 533 South Green Rd, site plan review
- Cuyahoga County Public Library, 1876 South Green Rd, Work Session

Co-Chairman Ron Sabransky called the meeting to order at 7: 05 p.m. Present: Arthur Goddard, Jennifer West, Kevin Wynn. Absent: Co-Chairman Tracie Zamiska. Also present: Paul Kowalczyk, Building Commissioner.

AT&T cell tower – Mr. Kowalczyk stated that an application has been submitted for site plan review by Ron Gainar, agent for AT&T and Joe Cannata, the owner of the property. AT&T owns a site and tower at the north end of the city that was installed in 1996. There has been settling of the land around the tower. The tower is not in jeopardy but the equipment facilities and equipment platforms are shifting consequently AT&T is looking for a new site. One issue that AT&T will have to overcome is they will be required to seek a variance because there are a few structures that are within the radius that was calculated around the tower. Don Graves, attorney for AT&T, displayed pictures of the erosion at the existing site. He stated that there is not a physical danger however the location was a landfill at one time. The existing shelters have moved because of the erosion. Even though he does not know of any towers that have fallen, if a tower would fall the sections would collapse in on each other. When the new tower is completed and all the carriers have transferred to the new tower the old tower will be removed. Mr. Graves stated that the volume of use is skyrocketing because of the reliance on wireless technology. The new site would not be on a landfill; the site is about 500 feet from the slope where the existing tower is located. On August 27, 2013 the applicant will go before the Board of Zoning Appeals for a variance. Equipment shelters would be on site, each of the carriers has their own equipment room. The site is visited by technicians from the different carriers for servicing equipment. After some discussion, Ms. West made a motion to approve the application for 533 South Green Road site plan review; permanent parcel number 701-24-007 contingent upon the satisfaction of the engineer's report dated August 2, 2013 and comments made from the Fire Department's report dated August 2, 2013. Seconded by Kevin Wynn. All ayes. Motion approved. (4-0-0)

Cuyahoga County Public Library - Michael Marz, GPD Group, stated that the beech tree close to South Green Road would likely not survive and two other trees are in question also. He discussed the realignment of the parking lot without the three trees. Mr. Kowalczyk stated that city engineer Andy Blackley has indicated there is no need to vacate Rosemary Drive. A discussion ensued regarding where the fencing would be located. A gate could be installed if access is needed for utilities near the easement or there could also be access from the parking lot of the library. There will be relocation of two hydrants. Mr. Marz proposed that evergreen plantings would be a sufficient buffer along the side of the Kohn property unless he is required to install fencing. If fencing would be required the material could be wood or vinyl fencing. Mr. Kowalczyk will contact the Kohn family, the adjacent neighbor to the south on South Green Road, and discuss the proposal with them. The people who signed in at the initial Public Hearing will be notified about the continuation of the Public Hearing on August 22, 2013.

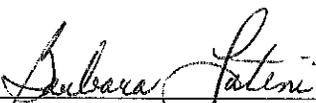
Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.



Co-Chairman Ron Sabransky

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Date



Barbara Latini, Recording Secretary