

Village of Lake Isabella
Zoning Board of Appeals Minutes
Regular Meeting: December 19th, 2005

1096 Queens Way
Lake Isabella, MI, 48893

The Meeting was called to order at 5:53 pm by Vice-Chair Colby.

Members Present: Slasor, Colby, and Kuhn
Members Absent: Case and Sutton

Motion made by Slasor, seconded by Kuhn, to approve the minutes of the November 11th, 2005 meeting. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Business:

1. Public Hearing for Jeff Grey and Power-Net to construct a 180' tower in a residential district north of address 1096 Queens Way was opened at 5:56 pm.

Mr. Grey presented his proposal and outlined the project and the need for the tower of the height of 180'. He stated it is the hope of Power-Net to be able to cover up to 30 miles with the tower and have a mutual backup with their tower in Remus.

Public Comments/Questions: (Response)

Arvil King – Is this “high speed internet?” (Yes)

Dennis McMichael – Where will the tower be located? (North of the Village/LIPOA Office), How did Mr. Grey get a list of potential customers? (Contacting people in the community and inquiring as to their interest) Will there be guidewires for the tower? (No) Will this be converted into a cell phone tower later? (No, tower is not tall enough or strong enough to support cell phone equipment)

Brian Roberts – How many T1 lines will be used to service the tower? (1 at first) Will it be a line of sight connection? (Yes) How long until a final set of plans and a timeline is done with solid pricing numbers? (Shortly after the tower is installed)

Al Apsitis – When is construction scheduled to begin? (Hopefully within 2 months, but this may change based on the weather)

Elmer Ledbetter – Suggested the tower have a red light on top and a white blinking light half way up to help pilots see it who use the airport.

Dave Ochander – What is the speed of the service on the Remus tower? (400kbs to 800kbs)

Debra Stanton – What is the install fee and how will troubleshooting be handled? (Install price is yet to be set; Power-Net will handle the troubleshooting for its customers)

Monica Roethlisberger – If the service needs to be upgraded due to a high number of users, how long will that take? (There will be a limit on how many users will have the service based on the number of T1 lines)

Ardeith Glouden – Will the billing be the same as for dial up service with Power-Net? (Yes)

Comments/Questions from the Zoning Board of Appeals

Slasor – Are the County Wells located in the fall zone of the tower? (yes)

Colby – Will Power-Net or their contractors repair any damage done to roads during the construction process? (Yes)

Slasor – What is the wind load on the tower? (80 mph)

Kuhn – Has the LIPOA approved this yet? (In the process of working the deal out)

Colby – Is the tower grounded and protected from lightning? (Yes)

With no further questions the Public Hearing was closed at 6:51 pm.

2. Motion made by Kuhn, seconded by Slasor to grant the variance based on uniqueness of the parcel size and use by the LIPOA, and the forthcoming rezoning as a recreation district per the Village's Master Plan, to construct a communication tower to a height of 180' at the property with the street address of 1096 Queens Way. YEAS: Colby, Kuhn, and Slasor; NAYS: None. MOTION TO GRANT CARRIED

Public Comments:

None

With no further business before the Council the meeting was adjourned at 6:53 pm.