

**COLLEGE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

Monday, June 13, 2016

12:00 Noon

1481 E. College Avenue
State College, Pennsylvania

ATTENDED BY:

COUNCIL:

D. Richard Francke, Chair
Carla Stilson, Vice Chair
L. Eric Bernier
Steven J. Lyncha
Anthony Fragola

STAFF:

Adam T. Brumbaugh, Township Manager
Kent N. Baker, Township Engineer
Mark Gabrovsek, Zoning Officer
Mark Holdren, CRPA Sr. Planner
Mary E. Wilson, Asst. Township Secretary

CALL TO ORDER

On June 13, 2016, Chair Francke called to order at 12:00 Noon a duly advertised Special Meeting for the purpose of reviewing revisions to the Wireless Communications Facilities Ordinance Amendment.

OPEN DISCUSSION:

No Open Discussion matters were introduced.

NEW BUSINESS:

NB-1 Ordinance O-16-09, Wireless Communications Facilities Ordinance Amendment

In correspondence to Council, dated June 7, 2016, Mr. Mark Holdren, CRPA Sr. Planner, introduced the revisions to the Wireless Communications Facilities (WCF) Ordinance Amendment, as recommended by the Cohen Law Group. The revisions were made solely to address inconsistencies between the Township's current ordinance and the recent Federal and State Regulations, as well as case law. The changes include permitting all Tower-Based WCFs as a conditional use; modifications to the permitted heights of WCFs; permitted locations of WCFs in the rights of way (ROW); and modifications to the application process.

Staff offered additional recommended changes or topics for Council consideration; namely, 1) modification to the Non-Tower-Based WCF definition; 2) adding a definition for Wireless Communication Facility to more closely align with the definition used in the Pennsylvania Wireless Broadband Act; 3) identifying locations of where None-Tower-Based WCFs are permitted, requiring setbacks for Non-Tower-Based WCFs; and 4) relative to stealth technology, setting up more definitive criteria for reviewing the design of an antenna.

Council discussed and recommended that staff incorporate changes to the subject ordinance, as appropriate, on public vs. private rights of way and zoning districts; requested an analysis matrix of in and out of the ROWs for both tower-based and non-tower-based WCFs; requested continued dialogue on zoning districts allowing or prohibiting WCFs, as well as on adding protections for primary uses; stealth of antenna and related equipment; burying related equipment; proof of necessity as part of application approval process; size of related equipment; fencing/screening; signs; definition of what constitutes a structure; and offered numerous editorial modifications.

Ms. Gayle Rice Roberts, Cortland Drive, 1) stated that the applicant never had permission from First Energy to proceed with the WCF project; and, 2) handed out a timeline of all of her communications on this topic.

Mr. Richard Roberts, Cortland Drive, suggested that an application should be made to be complete.

Ms. Elizabeth Betts, Cortland Drive, thanked Council for their work in reviewing the recent, proposed WCF plan and highlighted items for Council to consider relative to permitting tower-based WCFs in ROWs of arterials and collectors, as opposed to being permitted near intersections of such streets, as required under previous ordinance.

This item will return to Council on June 15th under “Other Matters” for a review of these incorporated changes and any additional discussion.

NB-2 Resolution R-16-13, Authorizing Execution of PennDOT Form D-30, Policy and Procedure for Consultant Selection (for Puddintown to Orchard Bike Connection Project)

Ms. Stilson moved to approve Resolution R-16-13, authorizing the execution of PennDOT Form D-30, Policy and Procedure for Consultant Selection (for Puddintown to Orchard Bike Connection Project).

Mr. Bernier seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT:

Hearing of no other business, Chair called for a motion to adjourn.

**Ms. Stilson moved to adjourn the June 13, 2016, Special Meeting of the College Township Council.
Chair Francke seconded the motion.
Motion carried unanimously.**

Chair adjourned the June 13, 2016, Special Meeting of the College Township Council at 1:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Adam T. Brumbaugh

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