

Whitefish Township Planning Commission
Public Hearing Minutes
February 05, 2020 Whitefish Community Center, 9 a.m.

Attendance: Ashley Lowell, Richard Gratopp, Terry Humphrey

Absent: David Heyboer (participated via teleconference)

General Public: 5 signed in

The meeting was called to order by Ashley Lowell, Commission Vice-Chairperson at 9:04 a.m. Ashley Lowell welcomed the attendees and stated there were 2 Applications for Special Land Use Approval under review. The Public Hearing notice was posted in the Sault Newspaper and letters had been mailed to property owners within 300 feet of the property in the application.

Application 1: 016-620-046-00, 5472 S. M-123, Eckerman, Benjamin Hall for construction of a four site rustic campground.

The committee received one letter in favor and none opposed to this application.

Mr. Hall was present and answered questions. Mr. Hall stated at this time his plan was for a three season campground with no camping in the winter. Porta-johns would be there for waste requirements and the existing water system would be used for potable water. He was asked if he could meet the set-back requirements and he said he could. An easement exists for driveway to the proposed camp sites. No other attendees wished to comment..

Application 2: 016-251-003-00, 30220 Wildcat Rd. Paradise, West Wildcat Revocable Living Trust for construction of a cellular communication tower. Mr. West was present along with Derrick McGrew representing Cellusite, LLC., the cell tower construction company.

Mr. McGrew presented the process of finding a cell tower property and all the criteria involved. The nearest tower to the proposed tower is 9 miles away and is located in Paradise. Site was selected by the State of Michigan to improve public safety since it will be used by emergency services. He was asked if the road would be repaired/returned to normal after construction and he said it would. Also stated construction hours would be 8a.m. to 5 p.m.

Benjamin Hall stated he was concerned the tower would be detrimental to wildlife.

Mr. West presented pictures of his property to the commission, read a letter to the commission, and expressed some concern about the aesthetics of the proposed tower and how it would blend in with the surrounding area.

The committee received no letters in favor or opposed to this application. There were no other attendees who wished to comment on this application.

Adjournment: Richard Gratopp moved to adjourn the meeting, supported by Humphrey, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 10:07 a.m.

Minutes prepared by Terry Humphrey 02/08/2020

Minutes approved _____
(Date)

Signatures:

