

Public Hearing
September 5, 2017
6:40 PM

ROLL CALL: Bill May, Louann Artiaga, Rebecca Conklin Kleiboemer, Mindy Curry, and Bob Keogh. Also present were the following: Administrator Jordan Daugherty, Solicitor Phil Davis, Fire Chief Joshua Hartbarger, Police Chief Mark McDonough, Community Development Coordinator Barbara Knisely, Service Director Steve Pilcher, Deputy Fire Chief Jason Francis, Deputy Police Chief Todd Kitzler, Rob Casaletta, Barb Szymaniak, Brent & Diann Martin, Joe Yager, Ruthann Ortner, Marilyn Warner, Tom Malicki, James Warner, Ann Vollmar, Nathan Meyer, Madisyn Curry, Lisa Morrison, Julie Swartz, Marty Beth Luttin, John & Julie Cunningham, Karen Gerhardinger, Joan Soldenwagner, Judy Kethel, Maureen Garcia, Richard Bingham, Will Roudebush, Mike Hill, and Brian Carroll.

At 6:40, President of Council Bill May opened the public hearing and explained it was being held to allow for public comment on a Request for Special Use by New Par, dba Verizon Wireless, for the construction of a 199' telecommunications tower and equipment cabinet at 6648 Finzel Road, on property known as Sandra Park.

The special use permit was approved by the Planning Commission at their meeting on July 10, 2017.

President of Council, Bill May asked for audience comments.

A) John Pecsok, 5951 Matthew Drive:

- Stated the proper name for the park is Lehman Park, not Sandra Park
- Why was he notified of this matter by a note in his door from a neighbor
- Take into consideration the feelings, needs and wants of the community and businesses
- What's the plus to the cell tower, \$1,500 and a new road?
- Disadvantages include this is supposed to be a green space, ruin the park, money donated by Bill Patchen, value of houses surrounding
- Cancer society and dangers to residents
- Thanked Council for their services and encouraged them to weigh their decision

B) Jon Burkett, 6017 Christopher Drive:

- May be a need for additional tower, but doesn't think the location is best
- Area near the roundabout is available
- Council isn't representing the citizens, representing Verizon
- Doesn't feel this is a park purpose, but is more of an industrial use
- Generator will cause noise
- Schools are within ½ mile of this location

C) Joe Hillrich, 10105 Grover Street:

- Has six children, it scares him to have a cell tower that close
- Verizon has never lost a cause

- D) Cheryl Roudebush, 6103 Cemetery Road:
- Promises made in the past about a park
 - Research health issues before placing by a school
- E) Joe Warner, 6002 Christopher Drive:
- Lived on Christopher since 1974, same empty promises about a park
 - Do the right thing
 - He's never lost a call on his cell phone, does Verizon have documentation
 - Why is the Village considering this, is it the money?
- F) Barb Szymaniak, 10112 Rupp Road:
- Federal government doesn't care about health issues or property values
 - No definition of a "park" in the zoning code
 - Why can't it be put on a water tower?
 - Population density, how many people within 1,000, 1,500, any research done?
 - Who's up for election in November?
- G) Shawn Witmer, 10300 Claystone:
- His property will be affected by a tower at this location
 - All information says "Verizon wants"
 - The tax split of the property has already happened, before this public hearing
 - What other locations were considered?
 - Sounds like this was already preordained, decisions already made
- H) Maureen Garcia, Morgan Marie Court:
- Everything that has been said is on the money
 - Very short sided to put something in the middle of a green space
- I) Nathan Meyer, New Par, dba Verizon Wireless:
- The reason for the additional tower is for customer demand: Originally cell phones were used in cars, now people need them for work, to play games, watch TV, turn things on at home, etc.
 - Sites are needed in and near where you use your phones
 - Had to find a spot that's zoneable, 300' from a residential property and on government property
 - Area being used is only 75' x 75', about a ¼ of an acre in an 11 acre park

President of Council, Bill May closed the Public Hearing at 7:04 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Knisely
Duly Authorized Clerk of Council