

**Village of Prairie Grove  
Planning & Zoning Commission  
Public Hearing Meeting Minutes  
October 5, 2009**

**1. Call to Order:** Chairman Bob Gray called this Public Hearing to order at 7:13 PM.

**2. Roll Call:** Commissioners Bob Moravec, Chris Kremer, Robin Pendergrast, Bob Saley and Chairman Bob Gray all present. Commissioner Steve Kulovsek absent. Administrator Smith, Building Inspector Knudsen and Clerk Minor present.

**3. Consent Agenda: Motion by Bob Moravec, 2nd by Chris Kremer** to Approve the Public Hearing Meeting Minutes of August 24, 2009. **All Ayes, Motion carries.**

Chris Kremer asked about the ordinance regarding placement of cell towers for the Village of Prairie Grove was ready for the Planning & Zoning Commission to review. Inspector Knudsen stated that he would have it ready for the November Village Board Meeting.

**4. Petitioner: T-Mobile**

**A Special Use Permit to Construct a Wireless Communication Facility in a B-Business Zoning District consisting of a 100' Monopole Tower and Related Equipment Cabinets in a 50X50' Fenced Parcel located on the Faith Community Church Property, 2023 Illinois Rt. 176:**

Chairman Bob Gray asked if all mailings and publications were in order regarding this petition. Clerk Minor confirmed that they were.

Charles Mott and Sanjay Jaisangani from T-Mobile give a brief presentation regarding the Special Use Permit being requested.

**5. Public Comment:**

Marcia Millman - She has concerns regarding radiation from the tower and health issues from this is a big concern. She would like to see the tower put somewhere that's less intrusive. She is concerned with her property values and she is against it.

Tom Lillegard - He fully supports the installation of this tower and the revenue it would bring to the church. He is an adjacent property owner and he believes that this is the best use for this land. He stated that there is only one house within 500 ft. of the proposed tower site.

Georgegene Cooper - She is from Faith Community Church and stated that the Church wants to be good neighbors. They hope the Board would welcome this tower.

Charles Mott from T-Mobile stated that this is an area in need coverage. He stated that it takes many sites to provide the continuous coverage people count on without having dead zones. It takes nearly one tower every mile with each tower covering a range of 1/2 mile to 1 mile. Each tower handles a limited amount of calls.

T-Mobile is requesting placement to construct a wireless communication facility in a B-Business Zoning District consisting of a 100' Monopole Tower with a deck at the top and related equipment cabinets in a 50X50' fenced parcel located on the Faith Community Church Property, 2023 Illinois Rt. 176.

The tower power levels are FCC regulated. There would be a short 20 ft. driveway off of Bay View Beach Road.

Inspector Knudsen asked how many other co-users this tower could support. Mr. Mott responded by saying there could be one co-user.

Administrator Smith stated that the petitioner would be required to go before the Village Board and ARC for approvals before any permits would be issued.

Chairman Gray asked if any additions would need to come back for approval. Inspector Knudsen replied that they definitely would need further approval.

Chris Kremer asked about the health issue and being regulated by the FCC. Mr. Mott stated that the consensus at the federal level that it doesn't cause any problems. Mr. Kremer stated that since this is in a residential area would they be willing to move it to another location. Mr. Mott stated that there is no other location.

Marcia Millman asked why don't different carriers share cell towers. She stated that she lives here and she never has dropped calls.

Norm Larson stated that he has T-Mobile and that he has never had a dropped call on Rt. 176.

Charlotte Kremer stated that the Church would make money on this tower. She asked if the Village would receive any revenue. Administrator Smith replied that there would be none other than the local telecommunications tax revenue already received.

Chris Kremer stated that this was the 2nd petition for a tower in 60 days. He feels uncomfortable until we have a plan in place to know how to handle cell towers. He stated that he will be voting no.

Robin Pendergrast asked how likely would it be that we'll be seeing more plans in the next 12 to 24 months? Chairman Gray responded that no other petitions are before the Village at this time.

**MOTION FOR T-Mobile - P & Z RECOMMENDATION**

Proposed Motion Based on careful consideration of the information provided and the finding of facts contained in the staff report, the Planning and Zoning Commission recommends approval of a special use for the property commonly known as 2023 Route 176, Prairie Grove, Il. to allow the placement of a monopole, and the placement of related equipment and enclosure on the property adjacent to the monopole, with the following conditions:

1. Approval of the monopole, associated ground level equipment and enclosure shall be as per the plans prepared by W-T Communication Design Group, LLC, with a most recent revision date of 07/09/09. These plans have a total of 26 sheets that include pages T1 thru 4, LS 1&2, A1 thru 8, S1, E1 thru 5, SG1, SPT-B-1, SPT-E-6 and SPT-RF-1 thru 3.
2. Installation of the monopole and equipment shall be conducted in strict compliance with all FCC regulations.
3. There shall be no additional antennas, or related equipment installed on this monopole or the subject property without further Village review and approval.

**Motion by Bob Moravec, 2nd none Motion fails for lack of a second.**

**New Motion made by Chris Kremer, 2nd by Robin Pendergrast** to reconsider the petition after staff provided a draft telecommunication ordinance for the Commission to review.

**On a Roll Call Vote: Commissioners Kremer, Saley, Pendergrast and Chairman Gray all answered aye. Commissioner Moravec answered nay, Motion Carries.**

**6. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn by Bob Moravec, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Robin Pendergrast** to close this Public Hearing at 8:08 PM. **All Ayes, Motion carries.**

**Respectfully Submitted by:  
Kim Minor, Village Clerk**