

**City of Bellefontaine Neighbors
Planning and Zoning Commission Minutes
October 10, 2016**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Stolte at 7:05 p.m.

Present: Chairman Stolte; members Baker, Barrett, Borzymowski, Wiese; City Engineer Lum, City Inspector Raben, Alderman Jordan and Mayor Doerr

Absent: Member Bogaski

The minutes of the September 12, 2016 meeting were reviewed. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Borzymowski and seconded by Barrett. Motion passed unanimously.

Agenda:

Mr. Matt Schlichter from Network Real Estate, LLC, representing Horvath Communications, came before the Planning and Zoning Commission to request a Conditional Use Permit to erect a cell tower at 10223 Lewis and Clark Blvd. The property is owned by the Wirecraft Co. The tower would be located in the southwest corner of the property. Horvath Communications does have an agreement with Wirecraft for this project.

Mr. Schlichter explained the need for this new tower, citing the increased usage along the Lewis and Clark corridor, along with the increased amount of wireless devices in the normal households.

The height of the tower would be 116 ft. The design would be a “crow’s nest” type as opposed to the “flag pole” design, because the crow’s nest type is better able to handle the newer technology and is easier to modify as technology advances. The tower would be surrounded by an 80 ft. x 80 ft. synthetic barrier and a 70 ft. x 70 ft. fence. These barriers would house maintenance sheds and a diesel generator.

Following discussion, Chairman Stolte informed Mr. Schlichter that there is currently a cell tower located on the property of the Riverview Garden’s School District’s maintenance building on the adjacent property. However, Chairman Stolte did not believe that this tower was in use at this time. Chairman Stolte read from the Bellefontaine Neighbor’s City code which states in Sec. 29-97, paragraph 7, subsection (a) No antenna support structure, excluding disguised support structures, shall be located within one-half (1/2) mile of another pre-existing antenna support structure, with the distance being measured from the center of the base of the existing structure to the center of the base of the proposed structure.

Based on the city code, Chairman Stolte asked for a motion from the commission to deny the CUP request for this project. A motion was made by Baker and seconded by Barrett. There being no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made at 7:50 p.m. by Borzymowski and seconded by Barrett. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Stolte

The next meeting of the Planning and Zoning Commission will be held on November 14, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.