

I. 8-Aug-16 meeting called to order 7:03 P.M. by Dave Horney

II. Roll Call

Cal Messing	Dave Horney	<del>Mark Iwanicki</del>
Ron Smith	<del>Tom Wharam</del>	

III. Citizen Participation

- None

IV. Review and Approve Agenda

- Motion to approve the agenda as presented – Dave Horney
- Second to motion – Ron Smith
- Vote – unanimous

V. Approval of Minutes

- Motion to approve minutes from 11-Jul-16 as present – Cal Messing
- Second to motion - Ron Smith
- Vote – unanimous

VI. Public Hearings

A. Enzer conditional use permit – antenna tower

- Motion to adjourn the Planning Commission meeting and open the public hearing at 7:10 – Dave Horney
- Second to motion – Cal Messing
- Roll call Vote – Cal Messing – yes      Dave Horney – yes  
    Mark Iwanicki -                                 Ron Smith – yes                 Tom Wharam -
- There were no representatives for Aaron Enzer
- Rodney Nanney gave a brief description of the events leading up to the project
  - It is for private business use at the Burmeister Road location
  - Wireless internet access; 160' tower with microwave dish
  - Design was reviewed by a private engineer
  - Must have a building permit and meet all state and local construction codes
  - Will not need lights because < 200'
  - Towers can only be lit which are > 200'
  - Setbacks will be well within his property
- Public comment
  - This is for private internet access; not part of eWashtenaw internet access
  - Louise St. Clair of 9665 Burmeister Road asked why Aaron Enzer needs a tower if he can connect to eWashtenaw; Rodney Nanney explained that Mr. Enzer claims he cannot connect with the speed and reliability needed to run his business
  - Louise St. Clair asked how Aaron Enzer can run a business on property zoned agricultural; Ron Smith explained that this is part of the consent agreement
  - Louise St. Clair asked about a culvert under his agricultural land; Ron Smith said that this was an issue for the WCRC
  - Louise St. Clair asked about to see the consent agreement; Ron Smith summarized what is contained in the consent agreement and said that it is available on the township web site

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- o Dave Horney explained that most of the regulation of the business comes from the ATF
- o Rodney Nanney explained that Mr. Enzer asserted that because of the consent agreement he did not have to follow the zoning rules; Ron Smith verified with the township attorney that this is not the case; Mr. Enzer then paid the fees and filled out the necessary applications
- o Dave Horney explained how a business can be run on property zoned agricultural; by right or SLU; Rodney Nanney read a partial list of the businesses allowed
- o Aaron Enzer's property is in a trust with Aaron Enzer as a trustee
- o Linda Poet of 101035 Burmeister Road asked why can't he use something like Hughes Net; Rodney Nanney explained that anyone can do this as long as they show a need; Dave Horney added that he also does computer support
- o Linda Poet commented that the trucks pull out of Enzer's business drive without looking or stopping; voicing her frustration; Ron Smith said that he would call Aaron Enzer re: the safety issues
- o Robert Poet of 10135 Burmeister Road asked if it has already been approve because of the consent agreement; Rodney Nanney explained that Aaron Enzer has submitted the application for a SLU
- o Robert Poet asked what is to stop other residents from applying for a tower; Dave Horney said that it is not being rezoned and that any one can apply for a SLU
- o Robert Poet said that this could lead for many towers throughout the township; Dave Horney said that Mr. Enzer is doing this for business and most people would not want to spend the money for personal use only; Rodney Nanney explained that the township must act within 90 days of complete application submittal
- o David St. Clair of 9665 Burmeister road wants assurance that this tower will not affect any other communications; Ron Smith answered that it is a low powered, focus high frequency receive only dish

- Motion to close the public hearing at 8:12 – Dave Horney

- Second to motion – Cal Messing

- Roll call Vote – Cal Messing – yes          Dave Horney – yes  
Mark Iwanicki -          Ron Smith – yes          Tom Wharam -

- A decision will be postponed until the next planning commission meet for further discussion with a complete commission
- The Planning Commission meeting was reopened at 8:12

### VII. Old Business

- A. None

### VIII. New Business

- A. Zoning ordinance revision – wireless communications facility

- Dave Horney gave the background of the ordinance revision
- Rodney Nanney described why ham radio towers are allowed to be at 60'
- Rodney Nanney said that this not a public hearing; it is for public input
- Dave Horney asked for use of English units; Rodney Nanney said that this could not be done
- The 60' height is not cast in stone
- Mark Sondeen of 8027 Ernst Road asked if the 60' referred to the tower height or tower + antenna

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height; Rodney Nanney clarified with the height is the complete assembly; Dave Horney suggested changing the overall height to 65'

- There was a suggestion to remove limit of one antenna
- Summary: 0-14' needs no approval; > 14' to 65' needs zoning administrator approval
- Motion to defer further action until 12-Sep-16 for the following reasons:
  - Await further comment from the public
  - Await further discussion with the other planning commission members
- Dave Horney
- Second to motion – Cal Messing
- Vote – unanimous

### IX. Communications

#### A. Report from Zoning Administrator – Rodney Nanney

- A report was provided and is on record

#### B. Report on 4-Aug-16 Board of Trustees meeting – Ron Smith

- A report was provided and is on record

### X. Informational Items

- None

### XI. Public Comment

- None

### XII. Adjournment

- Next planning commission meeting is 12-Sep-16 at 7:00 P.M.
- Motion to adjourn – Dave Horney
- Second to motion – Cal Messing
- Vote – unanimous

Meeting adjourned at 8:46 P.M.