

Minutes
Forest County Zoning Committee
(Cloud1 – Communication Tower)
Tuesday, October 5, 2021
Forest County Highway Department - Break Room

1. **Call to Order:** The hearing was called to order at 4:34 p.m.
2. **Roll Call:** The roll was called, present were Ron Karl, Mike Miller, Scott Goode and Lance Laabs. Others present were Jeannie Fannin, Zoning Administrator and Sandy Beauchaine. Members of the public included Randy Johnston, Jeff Johnston, Ron Larson, Wade Fournier, and Lee Larsen.
3. **Approval of Agenda:** Motion to approve the agenda by Lance Laabs, second by Mike Miller. All present voting (AYE). Motion carried.
4. **Confirm Compliance with Open Meeting Requirements:** The confirmation of compliance was given by Sandy Beauchaine (Zoning Administrative Assistant).
5. **Inform the Public of Hearing Procedures (time for each speaker):** Ron Karl informed the public that each speaker would be allowed 5 minutes.
6. **Open the Public Hearing:** Motion to open the public hearing by Lance Laabs, second by Scott Goode, all in favor, motion approved.
7. **Reading of the Application:** The application and notice were read at this time by Sandy Beauchaine.
8. **Applicants Presentation:** Lee Larson (Cloud1) stated the Barnards' are proposing to construct a communication tower on their property located at 10917 State Hwy 70 in the Town of Hiles. The tower will be 250 feet with self-support base. It will have Bug Tessel Wireless hi-speed internet, as well as AT&T cellular, and AT&T FirstNet.
9. **Counties Presentation:** Jeannie Fannin explained the permit process to the committee and explained the zoning district of the property being in Forestry. Fannin explained Act 67 to the committee and public that was in attendance.
10. **Comments from the public:** Sandy Beauchaine read emails that she had received prior to the Public Hearing. All individuals were present at the time of reading and were given time to speak to the committee. Randy Johnston, Jeff Johnson, Ron Larson, and Wade Fournier all spoke on the concern of their property values decreasing do to the tower being too close to their properties, concerns of the height of the tower (250 ft.), noise pollution and the fall distance from the tower to their properties, State Hwy 70, and roads being closed do to the tower falling and closing off access for themselves, and most importantly emergency vehicles. They also had concerns on the beacon (light flashing/light pollution), health hazard, and aesthetics of their properties.
11. **Comments from the Town:** None

12. **Final questions from the Committee:** There was discussion back and forth between the committee and the public in attendance.
13. **Entertain a Motion to Close the Public Hearing:** Motion by Mike Miller to close the public hearing, second by Scott Goode. All present voting (AYE). Motion carried.
14. **Deliberation and Decision:** Motion by Mike Miller to approve the request for a Conditional Use permit by Cloud1 – Communication tower for 10917 State Hwy70, in the Town of Hiles, second by Lance Laabs. All present voting (AYE). Motion carried.
15. **Adjourn:** Motion to adjourn by Mike Miller, second by Lance Laabs. All present voting (AYE). Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:08 p.m.

Submitted by: _____

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