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Newton Township Board of Supervisors' AT&T Conditional Use January 20, 2010

Board Members in Attendance: John Pardue, Douglas Pallman, and Ronald Koldjeski

Board Guests in Attendance: Scot Haan, CEO; Francine Miller, Secretary/Treasurer

Meeting called to order at 7:08PM with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Chairman, John Pardue advised the purpose of the meeting was for a conditional use request of AT&T for the purpose of erecting a cell tower on Airport Road located at the property of Frank and Susan Colombo.

Ms. Catherine Durso, attorney for AT&T came before the Board with Brian Laslo of Vertical Realty. Packets were presented to the Board for review. Koldjeski questioned who would be responsible for the property tax increase due to the erection of the tower. Durso stated that there is an agreement that AT&T would be responsible. The Board also questioned the distance between the tower and the fuel tanks that are shown on the plans and in the pictures. The distance will be from 300 to 320 feet from the tank. Koldjeski questioned the certificate of insurance that shows a thirty day notice of non-renewal and would like for it to have a sixty-day notice. Durso stated she will check into that but believes all of their insurances have a thirty-day notice.

Alec Norris of Dewberry Engineers prepared the plans for the tower. It will be a 75' x 75' compound with an 8' chain link fence with 1" barbed wire on top of the fence. There will be 10 foot shrubs around the fence and have a 250' self supporting tower and an 11 1/2' x 20' equipment shelter. There will not be any new access road to the location; the current access road will be used. There are no wetlands or floodplains involved.

Gerald Tate of AT&T is the radio frequency engineer and stated that there are studies done to decide where to place a tower where more service coverage is needed.

Haan questioned if the NEPA was finalized and it has not been finished but is in the process. Also, the FAA determination is not complete until approved. A new environmental impact statement was sent to our engineer on December 21, 2009. Haan also stated that this is a total removal though it is not stated in the copy of the lease with Colombo. Township ordinances supersede any lease agreement, Durso agreed. This will need to be clarified in the paperwork with the Township.

Motion by Koldjeski to grant the conditional use request of AT&T tower on the Colombo property on Airport Drive based on the clarification of 6' or 8' fence (supposed to be 8' but was marked as 6' on another item), FAA determination, NEPA paperwork, the cancellation clause of 60 day non-renewal, if possible, and clarification of decommissioning of the total structure and foundation, 2nd by Pallman. Motion voted, all in favor.

Motion by Koldjeski to adjourn the conditional use hearing at 8:07PM, 2nd by Pardue. Motion voted, all in favor.

Respectfully submitted by Francine Miller.