

McHenry County Zoning Commission

October 27, 2016

7:00 PM

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Matt Zelinski. Other members present were Bill Goodwin, Tom Krumwiede, Lyle Hendrickson, Darrell Haman, Lisa Wittstruck, Larry Haman and Darlene Carpenter. A list of other attendees is on file in the auditor's office.

A motion was made by Bill and seconded by Tom to approve the minutes from September 22nd. Motion carried unanimously.

The public hearing for the conditional use application from Great River Energy to expand their existing substation in Gov't Lot 4 in Section 2-152-80 and a variance application to be within 83' from the center of State Hwy 97 on the North side of their property and 63' from the center of 14th Ave N on the West side of their property. Peter Schaub from Great River Energy reviewed the proposed project. No one appeared in opposition. A motion was made by Bill and seconded by Lyle to recommend approving the CUP and variance. Motion carried unanimously. Matt asked Mr. Schaub to send the final grade on the ground work once it has been determined.

The public hearing was held on the application from Tyler McCabe for a 75' variance on a shelterbelt located in the SW ¼ of Section 14-155-79. No one appeared in opposition. A motion was made by Darrell and seconded by Tom to recommend approving the variance. Motion carried unanimously.

The public hearing was held for the conditional use and variance permits from Capital Power to construct a transmission line through Brown and Bjornson Townships. Bill Behling gave a presentation on their proposed project which will consist of 15 miles of line. Larry Turner requested they stay as close to the right-of-way as possible. Bob Chilson requested they stay about five feet from the right-of-way in case the township would need material for road projects. Bob Chilson was also concerned about the roads in the spring. Bill explained the turbines won't be erected until late summer. A motion was made by Bill and seconded by Darrell to recommend approving the CUP and the variance, with the stipulation that the placement of the poles be agreed upon by the landowner, the township and Capital Power. Motion carried unanimously.

The public hearing was opened for the application from Crown Castle (T-Mobile) to upgrade and existing cell tower in the NE ¼ in Section 26-153-80. No one appeared in opposition. A motion was made by Lyle and seconded by Tom to recommend approving the CUP. Motion carried unanimously.

The board reviewed the following applications:

Andy Telehey – add lean to on existing building

A motion was made by Tom and seconded by Lyle to approve this permit. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Tom and seconded by Bill to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

ATTEST:

Darlene Carpenter, Auditor