

BARRINGTON COUNTRYSIDE PARK DISTRICT
P.O. Box 1393 - Barrington, IL 60011
Park Board Commissioners
Special Meeting Minutes June 18, 2007

Richard Lamkey called the special meeting to order at 7:10 P.M.

Commissioners present:

Richard Lamkey, President
Peter Wessel, Treasurer
John Rosene, Secretary

Jean Maddrell, Vice President
Maureen Crump, Communications

Also present:

Rosemary Nero, Administrative Assistant.
Residents: Richard Cannon, Meryl Cannon, Mike Zacher, Beatrice Duffy,
Tara Duffy, Hollie Free, Dave Schieble, Matt Yeterian

Motions:

Motion was made to rescind authorization to American Tower to seek a zoning variance on behalf of Barrington Countryside Park District was made by Peter and seconded by John Rosene.

Roll Call Vote: 5 ayes: Crump, Lamkey, Maddrell, Rosene, Wessel, 0 nays, 0 absent

Motion to withdraw petition for the special use permit was made by Jean and seconded by Maureen.

5 ayes 0 nays 0 absent

Motion to adjourn at 8:30 was made by John and seconded by Jean.

5 ayes 0 nays 0 absent

Commissioners Discussion:

Residents cited various objections to the construction of a cell tower on Park District property.

A general discussion took place about the reasons and the process of withdrawing the petition for a special use permit

Commissioners discussed terminating the Options & Lease Agreement with American Tower. Commissioner Wessel read a statement that is attached to these minutes.

Richard declared the special meeting adjourned at 8:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

John Rosene

After a great deal of consideration, after listening to compelling testimony from Chief Murphy, Bob Kosin, and Kevin Colosia, and, after reviewing the police propagation studies, I became convinced that a cell tower in the neighborhood of the Riding Center was most important for public safety. After discussing the issue with a number of residents, and particularly, users of our facility and the surrounding Forest Preserve, it became clear that the Park Board was ill equipped to weigh the balance of safety versus aesthetics, and that there were strong feelings on each side. However, the Park Board was in a position to allow the village, its residents, and their representatives, an opportunity to weigh the question in appropriate forum and determine whether a cell tower should be built upon our site. Nothing that has transpired since has lowered my concern for the safety aspect, nor lessened my desire to see the question answered through appropriate process.

However, I have been most disappointed in that process to date. Whatever the outcome, ultimately litigation, not the will of the residents of Barrington Hills, will likely determine the fate of this particular cell tower. This will prove an anathema to me, and, I am quite certain, my fellow Board Members. While I am not cowed by the threat of lawsuits, and am offended at the mention, this Village, in light of Duda I and II, cannot afford further litigation. Our partner in this process, American Tower, has every right to be as offended as I am, responding as they were to a request from the Village, through the Park Board, to improve cellular coverage. However, American Tower is in breach of our agreement. With all due respect, and with great sympathy to their crew, who have played by the rules, and been responsive at every turn, I ~~were~~^{move} to rescind our authorization to American Tower, to seek a zoning variance on our behalf.

Peter C. Wessel, Commissioner