

**CHANNAHON VILLAGE BOARD
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
February 18, 2013**

Village President Joe Cook called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with Trustees Militello, Nash, McMillin, Slocum and Greco present. Trustee Papesh was absent.

Also present were Village Administrator Joe Pena, Finance Director Robert Guess, Village Attorney David Silverman, Police Chief Jeff Wold, Director of Public Works Ed Dolezal, Director of Community Development Mike McMahon, and Village Clerk Missey Schumacher.

ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT

No formal items for discussion.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

AT&T Cellular Tower Concept Plan

National Wireless Ventures LLC representative Bob Stapleton presented the AT&T proposal to the Board. Chuck Szoke of Channahon Park Dist. was also in attendance. Stapleton stated that they have not filed an application with the Village yet because they want feedback from the Board. They are still in negotiations with Park Dist on a lease agreement.

Szoke stated that based on Stapleton's representation of need in this area the Park Dist. Agreed to consider a tower on park property. The proposal started as an 80 foot stealth tower and has changed to 135 feet. In answer to Trustee Militello's question, Szoke stated that the light poles are park controlled. If the village board agrees to locating the tower on a light pole, he believes the park would support that decision.

President Cook noted that AT&T has previously stated that investing in our community was not worth their while. While we are less than enthusiastic about granting ordinance variances, there is a need for the tower, so he suggested bringing a plan that fits within VOC ordinances.

Board opinions varied. Slocum stated that an industrial area is more appropriate. Nash mentioned the junkyard, but Stapleton argued that AT&T would not want to be responsible for property clean up. McMillin suggested VOC property. Militello would approve of a stealth tower.

Regulating Residential Lots

McMahon stated that PZC discussed the plan for combining two residential lots under single ownership. PZC made recommendations regarding accessory structures and water service to the lots.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

No formal items for discussion.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

No formal items for discussion.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Allowing a Path of Village Property

Dolezal stated that the Park Dist is working with Eagle Scouts on their projects. One has made a proposal to put a gravel walking path that would connect from the path in front of the Park Dist. to the path and runs up our property line along the pool fence and then from our employee entrance back to the park path. Dolezal added that the only potential conflict is if we ever expand the VOC parking lot.

Szoke stated that the Park District would be responsible for the path and the project would be insured.

The Board agreed with provided insurance is in place.

The Committee of the Whole Meeting adjourned at 6:48 p.m.

Submitted by
Janet Schumacher
Village Clerk