

Ligonier Township Supervisors
Special Meeting
23 March 2010

The Supervisors of Ligonier Township met in special session for the purpose of receiving public comment relative to an application submitted by Festival Fun Parks (formerly Idlewild Park), to locate a 90-foot cell tower on its property known as 127 Clark Hollow Road.

Representatives of the Park testified that the tower is being located on a 69-acre parcel of ground. The nearest home is approximately 380 feet from the closest dwelling, and it will only permit a minimal visual opportunity for this dwelling by 60- to 70-foot trees surrounding the site. The site will be fenced to prevent unwanted access. It was presented that the plan meets the separation and set-back requirements of the Township Ordinance.

The site was selected to service ATT customers who have significant dead-air space currently west of Ligonier. The tower will be available to other cellular phone providers experiencing similar signal problems.

It was pointed out to those present that Township driveway and grading permits must be applied for and obtained.

The Ligonier Township Planning Commission reviewed the plan at its 16 February meeting, and approval was recommended. In addition, they advised waiver of additional landscaping requirements as natural landscaping is preferable and already in place.

No comments were received from the audience in opposition. However, a letter of objection was received by neighbor Alan Steinberg. He regretted that he was not able to attend personally but that other obligations had him out of town. He expressed concern the a 90-ft tower would be a hindrance to the enjoyment of his property and also that a tower in such proximity would certainly negatively affect his property value. He presented via the letter that his home is of historic value to the Ligonier Valley, and he requested that the tower be located somewhere else.

Representatives of the Park pointed out Ligonier Township has one of the most restrictive cell tower ordinances they have encountered. In addition, the site plan has been approved by the State's historical museum.

There being no further comment, a motion was made by Penrod and seconded by Whipkey to close the testimony. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Whipkey and seconded by Penrod to direct the Solicitor, Judith Cizek, to prepare a resolution detailing the decision of the Board for consideration at the 13 April regular meeting at 7 pm. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Penrod and seconded by Whipkey to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 pm. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Keith A Whipkey, Secretary

