

## Plan Commission Meeting April 30, 2014

Gordon Rowley called a special Plan Commission meeting to order at 7:00PM in the meeting room at the Town Hall. Present were Gordon Rowley, Gene Stanis, Cal Oldenburg, Carol Williams, Bill Nelson, Peter Jacobs, Douglas Smith and 21 visitors.

Clerk/Administrator verified posting. Motion made/second Gene/Bill to accept the agenda. Carried.

Presentation by AT&T about potential telecommunications tower – Julie Tonkovitz of AT&T and Barbara Newman of Ramaker & Associates presented the information. There is currently no formal application for permits or anything; this is simply an informational presentation. AT&T is the second biggest cell phone company in the nation and, with the tourism season beginning, they would like to get a temporary structure to accommodate the summer visitors since coverage is poor. Temporary structures typically last anywhere from 6 to 9 months. They have not found a firm candidate for the location as yet. They would like to put up the temporary tower as soon as possible. The permanent tower would be concealed. AT&T is interested in trying to do something that would fit into the landscape of the community. They showed some examples of stealth towers such as lighthouses, clock towers, etc. The permanent tower would be about 120 feet with a 12x25 footprint. As for the temporary tower, the footprint would be about 12x20 with a height of around 50 feet. With recent state legislation, the law would allow AT&T to proceed on private property with the municipality unable to block it. They would rather work with the community whether they are on municipal land or private land. They are actively pursuing other sites, but they don't want to do anything that would upset the Town. They had actually looked at the fire station lot for the temporary site, but with all of the activities going on, it was ruled out. After their presentation, the meeting was opened up to the audience for questions and concerns. Many people voiced concerns about appearance, height and location. Suggestions were given as to alternate sites outside of our downtown area. Julie stated they are willing to look at any site suggested. As to whether or not this is needed, Brynn Swanson of the Baileys Harbor Community Association stated that campgrounds have actually lost business because their clients didn't get any reception on AT&T, so it would help tourism in that regard. After much discussion, Gordon requested that Julie and Barbara stay in communication with the Town as their project progresses.

Discuss/decide Application for Conditional Use Permit for Door County Brewing Company, 2434 CTH F, Parcel #002-03-20302811P1 – John McMahan was present. The current conditional use permit for the brewery only allows hours of operation between 6AM and 6PM. He would like to amend that condition to include hours from 6AM to 10PM. Delivery trucks will still be limited to between the hours of 6AM and 6PM. Any bands would perform inside. There is no outside seating. A fence will be built between the brewery and the neighboring property to the east. A fence already exists to the north. Parking will need to be looked at along County F and Park Road but the Town Board will need to address that. Motion made/second Carol/Bill to recommend approval of the proposed amendment. Carried.

Motion made/second Cal/Bill to adjourn at 8:52PM. Carried.

These minutes are subject to correction at the next regular monthly Plan Commission meeting.

Douglas Smith  
Clerk/Administrator