

**ADAMS PLANNING BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, MAY 23, 2022**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairmember David Rhinemiller, Member Lisa Gazaille, David C. Krzeminski, Member Sandra Moderski, and Member Michael Mach

OTHERS PRESENT: Isaiah Moore, Recording Secretary; Eammon Coughlin & Gerry Garner, Town of Adams Staff; Brian Rhodes iBerkshires; Elizabeth Jamieson, applicant representative

CALL TO ORDER: Chairmember David Rhinemiller called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The Board members need to approve the minutes of March 28th, May 9th, and May 16th 2022.

A motion by member Mach, seconded by member Krzeminski, to approve the minutes of March 28th, 2022 as written. The motion passed 4-0 with member Krzeminski abstaining.

A motion by member Mach, seconded by member Moderski, to approve the minutes of May 9th, 2022 as written. The motion passed 4-0 with member Krzeminski abstaining.

A motion by member Mach seconded by member Gazaille, to approve the minutes of May 16th, 2022 as written. The motion passed 3-0 with members Moderski and Krzeminski abstaining.

Continuance of application of SBA Towers II LLC for property located at 56 Wilbur Lane (Map 220 Parcel 8) requesting a Special Permit under §125-4 and §125-20 of the Adams Zoning bylaw to allow installation of three (3) antennas and associated equipment at an existing SBA cell tower site.

Ms. Jamieson introduced herself to the board and presented design plans to the make changes on the towers. She explained that there would be no change in the size of the tower or an increase in the land being used by this project.

Member Moderski asked if there was any difference between where on the tower the antenna was placed.

Chair Rhinemiller responded that the higher up on the tower the stronger signal you receive and the more that lease costs.

Member Mach asked if the wavelengths were dangerous to the public or the environment.

Ms. Jamieson responded that the wavelengths were only forty percent of the regulated levels. Chair Rhinemiller added that the federal regulators allow for the levels to reach ninety-three percent but try to keep them below fifty percent.

Member Moderski asked for greater specifics why some of the signals had different wavelength levels.

Chair Rhinemiller explained that the numbers are different because some signals need different wavelengths and used cell phones using 4G or 3G as the example.

Ms. Jamieson explained more of the charts in detail to give the members a better understanding of what the charts were showing.

The members discussed which providers offer the best signal on the tower. Ms. Jamieson explained that there was too much difference between the towers.

Member Krzeminski asked if there was a maintenance schedule for the towers.

Ms. Jamieson explained that the towers are maintained once a month per provider with some variation depending on the accessibility.

Chair Rhinemiller mentioned the umbrella effect of the towers that if you are too close to the tower then you will not pick up any service.

A motion by member Mach, seconded by member Krzeminski, to approve the application of SBA Towers II LLC for property located at 56 Wilbur Lane (Map 220 Parcel 8) requesting a Special Permit under §125-4 and §125-20 of the Adams Zoning bylaw to allow installation of three (3) antennas and associated equipment at an existing SBA cell tower site. The motion passed on a unanimous vote.

Continuance of application of SBA Towers II LLC for property located at 56 Wilbur Lane (Map 220 Parcel 8) requesting a Special Permit under §125-4 and §125-20 of the Adams Zoning bylaw to allow replacement of six (6) antennas associated equipment at an existing SBA cell tower site.

Ms. Jamieson explained that the company had a plan to change the antenna with a new smaller model and upgrade the electric box on the ground level.

Chair Rhinemiller asked if there was a way of deciding where companies could place their boxes on the floor level.

Ms. Jamieson responded that costs for lease were all the same for the boxes but that they did not allow building of boxes above the fence line.

A motion by member Mach, seconded by member Gazaille, to approve the application of SBA Towers II LLC for property located at 56 Wilbur Lane (Map 220 Parcel 8) requesting a Special Permit under §125-4 and §125-20 of the Adams Zoning bylaw to allow replacement of six (6) antennas associated equipment at an existing SBA cell tower site. The motion passed on a unanimous vote.

Continuance of application of SBA Towers II LLC for property located at 161 A Spring Road (Map 231 Parcel 1) requesting a Special Permit under §125-4 and §125-20 of the Adams Zoning bylaw to allow installation of three (3) antennas and associated equipment at an existing SBA cell tower site.

Member Moderski stated that she was an abutter to the property but had no financial interest in the property so she would still be voting.

Member Krzeminski asked if Dish was new to the area.

Ms. Jamieson explained that when T-Mobile use to let Dish use their antennas but that when the company combined with Sprint they were no longer allow to let Dish use their antennas.

Chair Rhinemiller asked if there was anyone that had any other comments for the board. There were none.

A motion, by member Mach, seconded by Member Gazaille, to approve the application of SBA Towers II LLC for property located at 161 A Spring Road (Map 231 Parcel 1) requesting a Special Permit under §125-4 and §125-20 of the Adams Zoning bylaw to allow installation of three (3) antennas and associated equipment at an existing SBA cell tower site. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Chair Rhinemiller explained to Ms. Jamieson that there would be a decision notice filed with the town clerk within fourteen days of the hearing and upon being filed that there would be a twenty-one-day appeal period. If there were no appeals filed in that time then the applicants could pick up the documents on the twenty-first day and file them with the Registry of Deeds.

NEW BUSINESS:

The board discussed and decided to reorganize as this was their first meeting with a full body after an election

A motion made by member Moderski, seconded by member Krzeminski, to reappoint Chair Rhinemiller to the chair of the Planning board. Chair Rhinemiller accepted the nomination. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

A motion made by member Moderski, seconded by member Krzeminski, to reappoint member Mach to the Vice Chair of the board. Member Mach accepted the nomination. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

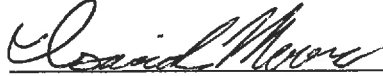
A motion made by member Moderski, seconded by member Krzeminski, to reappoint member Mach as the Adams Planning Board Representative for BRPC. Member Mach accepted the nomination. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

A motion made by Member Moderski, seconded by member Krzeminski, to reappoint member Gazaille to the Adams Traffic Commission. Member Gazaille accepted the nomination. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

ADJOURN:

Member Gazaille, seconded by member Moderski, motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:58 pm. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Isaiah Moore", written over a horizontal line.

Isaiah Moore, Recording Secretary

10/5/2022
Date