

Minutes
Township of Lower Makefield
Cable Advisory Board
November 13, 2008

The meeting of the Cable Advisory Board of the Township of Lower Makefield was held in the LMT Municipal building on November 13, 2008. Chairman Zachary Rubin called the meeting to order at 7:35PM.

Present: Zachary Rubin, Chair
Marilyn Bydalek

Dave Kelliher
Pete Stainthorpe, Supervisor Liaison

Absent: Deborah Gable

The first order of business was the approval of the minutes from the September 11, 2008 CAB meeting. The motion to approve the minutes, with one change, was made by Dave and seconded by Marilyn, and approved unanimously.

Zack reported that, in an October 2 special meeting of the Zoning Hearing Board regarding the cease and desist order against Comcast's plan to install the remaining twenty-six pedestals above ground, the ZHB voted 3-0 to keep the cease and desist order in effect. Believing that the Township doesn't have the right to deny the permits, they also voted to give Comcast the permits they need to move forward. Per Pete, the Board of Supervisors is considering an appeal, while exploring the likelihood of winning. At issue is Ordinance #357, which Zach read for the Committee, and whether it allows Comcast to install equipment above ground. The Township interprets it differently than Comcast does. Another issue is that the attorney representing Comcast had worked on the ordinance; this could present a conflict of interest. Zack asked if the Board of Supervisors can interpret ordinances; Pete said the courts should do that.

The outcry against the above ground pedestals is from residents in Sandy Run 2, who were responsible for Ordinance #357. The Board of Supervisors will vote on whether to appeal at the November 19th meeting.

The next item was the discussion of Verizon's Public Access Channel. The Morrisville Presbyterian Church currently rebroadcasts their service every week on the Comcast PA Channel. Some members of the Church, who have Verizon, asked Pete about acquiring a PA channel from Verizon. In response to Zack's question about the cost for the equipment that would be needed, Dave felt it would be \$5,000-\$10,000 for another computer, an auto playback system and a DVD player. In addition, there would be the cost for someone to monitor the submissions.

Marilyn made a motion that the Cable Advisory Board recommend to the Board of Supervisors that they activate the Verizon public access channel. Dave seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The first step, after getting approval to proceed from the Supervisors, is for Dave to recommend that the Township hire someone to come up with the budget and write the specifications. At the same time, the CAB would begin the work of developing the guidelines. Dave distributed sample guidelines. Pete will have this put on the agenda in January or February and will let Zack know when he has a date. As many

members of the CAB as possible should plan to attend the meeting; Zack will present the Committee's recommendation to the Supervisors.

Dave's term expires in December; he was told to let Terry Fedorchak know that he wants to be reappointed.

The next Cable Advisory Board meeting will be held on January 8, at 7:30PM, in the LMT Municipal building. With no more business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 8:35.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne Bray, Recording Secretary