

FILLMORE TOWNSHIP

ESTABLISHED 1849

ALLEGAN COUNTY

FILLMORE TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

April 7, 2025 7pm Meeting

1. Call to Order.

Chairman Mike Dozeman called the meeting to order at 7 pm, introduced the Planning Commission. Rod VanGelder opened with prayer and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Roll Call.

Members Present: Mike Dozeman, Fred Van Tubergen, David Brink and Rod VanGelder.

Members Absent: Chuck Schaap – Absent with notice.

Public Attendance: GFD Chief Doug DenBleyker, Lori Castello PCI Zoning Administrator.

3. Fillmore Township Planning Commission Minutes.

Upon review of the minutes of February 3, 2025;

A Motion was brought by David Brink and 2nd by Fred VanTubergen to approve the minutes as presented.
PASSED 4-0.

4. Public Participation.

None.

5. Public Hearing

Mike Dozeman read the public notice as recently published in the Holland Sentinel and mailed to neighboring property owners.

The Public Hearing is to consider a request from David Boeve to rezone parcel #0306-011-002-00-02 from A1 to A2 approximately 25.04 acres.

A Motion was brought by Fred VanTubergen and 2nd by David Brink to open the Public Hearing.

PASSED 4-0.

No one spoke in opposition. The current land use plan is A2.

A Motion was brought by Rod VanGelder and 2nd by Fred VanTubergen to close the public hearing.

PASSED 4-0.

A Motion was brought by David Brink and 2nd by Rod VanGelder to recommend approval of the rezoning to the Township Board.

PASSED 4-0.

6. Public Hearing.

Mike Dozeman read the public notice as recently published in the Holland Sentinel. The hearing is requested by Jaime Mathew representing Horvath Towers and Verizon Wireless.

A Motion was brought by David Brink and 2nd by Rod VanGelder to open the public hearing.

Jaime Mathew requested the hearing for a Special Location distance from other towers.

Number of installs permit to construct, maintain and operate a wireless communication tower. Jaime was present and distributed in advance of the meeting a detailed site plan and reasons of necessity for the tower. She also had consulted with Lori Castello of PCI in review of our Township Ordinance Section 16.26 and 18.01D.

She explained that the monopole tower of 155 ft height would be enclosed in a fenced compound 65 x 50 ft with access to 52nd St. just north of 4136 52nd St. The 65 x 50 site is part of parcel # 0306-022-027-00, owned by Boeve Family Protection Trust under a long-term lease.

No one spoke in opposition to the request.

A Motion was brought by David Brink and 2nd by Fred VanTubergen to close the public hearing.

PASSED 4-0.

Comments and questions by the Planning Commission;

Concern for snow and debris removal at access drive.

Decommissioning in the event of abandonment.

Overall height of tower.

Number of installations on the tower.

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A Motion was brought by Fred VanTubergen and 2nd by Rod VanGelder to recommend approval by the Township Board of Special Use as stated in the plans with the following 3 conditions;

- a. Maintenance of the access drive to remove snow and debris to allow access by emergency and fire equipment.
- b. Approval by the Zoning Board of Appeals to allow height exceeding 150ft.
- c. Approval of the Zoning Board of Appeals to allow the distance from any existing tower to be less than the required 2 miles.

PASSED 4-0.

7. Fillmore Township Board of Trustees update.

None.

8. PCI update – Lori Castello

Lori expressed that PCI's ongoing service to Fillmore Township is going well to date and is available to assist in all future needs.

9. Next Meeting.

Next meeting May 5, 2025, quarterly meeting of the Planning Commission.

10. Adjournment.

There being no other business presented to the Planning Commission:

A Motion was brought Fred VanTubergen and 2nd by Rod VanGelder to adjourn at 8pm.

Passed 4-0.

Respectfully Submitted

David Brink, Secretary

Fillmore Township Planning Commission