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**VERIZON WIRELESS CONDITONAL USE HEARING
4642 Jonestown Road, Suite 200
Harrisburg, PA 17109
Application 2008-005
August 14, 2008**

The solicitor pointed out that now was the time and place for a conditional use hearing for Verizon Wireless of 4642 Jonestown Road, Suite 200, Harrisburg, PA 17109. He also swore in all the witnesses.

James Strong of McNees Wallace & Nurick, 100 Pine St., Harrisburg, PA 17108, representing Verizon Wireless stated that the plan calls for a 190 foot monopole with light on the tower per the Zoning Ordinance, but it is up to the supervisors whether they want a light or not. Richard Mains stated that he owns property on three sides of the proposed site and he would prefer that it not be lit. He stated that there are 1000 cars travel that road everyday and the first think they are going to see is that tower and he doesn't think it needs to be lit. Supervisor Martin stated he would prefer it not be lit. George Rohrs wanted to know if there had to be a red flashing warning light for emergency helicopters. Mr. Strong pointed out that when a tower is erected the location goes into a registry and all pilots are aware of the location. Marcus stated that we could put in the decision a condition that if there is a safety issue, a light can be put on the tower. Mr. Strong suggested that the condition should be worded in such a way as to not disagree with FAA rulings.

Mr. Strong passed out a packet containing all the Exhibits and statements from his witnesses, Tucker Lahr, Paul Dugan, , Bruce Stegman and Seth Shafer, concerning the cell tower. They also brought maps showing the location of the tower, 768 Centerville Road, Newville on the property of Darren and Martina Zimmerman, and explained to those present the advantage of having this tower in Penn Township at that location.

Mr. Strong also pointed out that the Zoning Ordinance requires the tower be painted according to the surrounding vegetation. He stated that here again this up to the supervisors.

Mr. Strong also reported that Verizon needs to do a Land Development plan and they will supply to the township a copy of the lease agreement and the agreement for the removal of the tower when it is no longer needed

Vice-Chairman Sheaffer wanted to know what is to be done with the land surrounding the tower. Mr. Strong reported that if it is being used for crops, the Zimmermans can continue to use it for crops.

Marlene Spangler wanted to know if this tower will interfere with other household facilities and she was assured it would not interfere. She also asked about radiation concerns and she was assured there are none.

Mr. Mains reported there was another site already approved for a tower and Verizon reps had talked to him about the site, but they never go back to me whether they were interested or not, then all of



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a sudden they are erecting one on the Zimmerman property. Mr. Strong pointed out that this site was looked into and legally you can't put another tower on land that is already owned by another company. I It was also pointed out that there are 4 other towers in the area but none close enough to be used for the purpose of this tower.

Vice-Chairman Sheaffer wanted to know how deep the foundation will be and he was told the shaft will probably be 30 to 50 feet deep and these towers are built to withstand severe wind.

Mr. Strong then stated that he would like Exhibits A1 through A12 admitted to the record.

Vice-Chairman Sheaffer reported he read a article in the paper about cell towers becoming obsolete and satellites were becoming a the present to take their place. He wanted to know the provisions for removal of the tower. Mr. Strong stated the removal agreement would be provided with the Land Development Plan along with a bond for said removal. Mr. Duggan pointed out that there is nothing in the near future to use strictly satellites instead of cell towers.

The supervisors then discussed the painting of the tower and it was agreed that the first 10 feet would be green and above leave unpainted.

There being no further questions of discussion Vice-Chairman Sheaffer made a motion to grant the conditional use. Supervisor Martin seconded the motion. Motion approved. Marcus stated that he would write up the decision and Verizon would have 30 days to reply if they disagree.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Sangialosi
Secretary