

LINN COUNTY PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION

MINUTES

Monday, February 18th, 2019

The Linn County Planning and Zoning Commission meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Vice Chair, H. Frank Bellon. The meeting was held in the Jean Oxley Public Service Center Board Room, 935 2nd Street SW, Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

QUORUM DETERMINED:

PRESENT:	Sheila Gatewood	2020
	Curt Eilers	2022
	H. Frank Bellon, Vice Chair	2021
	R.J. Carson	2023
	Ted Grenis	2019
	George Maxwell	2020

ABSENT:	Christine Landa, Chair	2020
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STAFF:	Les Beck, Director
	Stephanie Lientz, Planner II
	Mike Tertinger, Planner I
	Jessica Black, Recording Secretary

See attendance sheet for community sign in.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the January 22nd, 2019 Planning & Zoning Commission meeting were approved as submitted.

CONSENT AGENDA

JPS18-0010	R & W Balster Addition	Residential Parcel Split
JPS19-0003	Garnant First Addition	Residential Parcel Split
JPS19-0004	Grubbs Creek Road First Addition	Residential Parcel Split
JLPS19-0002	Grubbs Creek Road Second Addition	Land Preservation Parcel Split

**Motion by Maxwell to approve the consent agenda, subject to the conditions of the staff reports.
Second by Grenis.**

Grenis	Aye
Bellon	Aye
Gatewood	Aye
Eilers	Aye
Landa	Absent
Carson	Aye
Maxwell	Aye

REGULAR AGENDA

JC19-0004	David & Ramona Martin, Owners FTC Towers LLC, Applicant Edge Consulting Eng., Surveyor	Conditional Use – Cell Tower 3600 Block of Barrett Road
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Stephanie Lientz presented the staff report.

The applicant is requesting a Conditional Use Permit to construct a 195-foot self-supporting lattice broadcast/common carrier communications tower. The tower will service the FirstNet emergency responders' network, to ensure public safety agencies have access to a dedicated network during times of natural disasters and emergencies. The proposal includes a lease agreement for approximately 10,000 square feet, or 0.23 acres. The lease area will include the tower and a future equipment shelter. The lease area will be surrounded by an 8-foot-high fence topped with barbed wire. A 16-foot wide access and utility easement will be used to provide access to the tower from Barrett Road. This new tower will expand carrier capacity, and will provide space for four additional carriers to co-locate.

This proposal meets the standards for approval per Article V, Section 107-94, § (k), Tower Regulations, of the Linn County Unified Development Code (UDC). The proposal appears to meet all the standards for approval per Article IV, Section 107-73, § (4) for Conditional Use Permits.

Staff recommends approval subject to the conditions of the staff report.

Nathan Ward, representative for FTC Towers, petitioner, joined the meeting via phone and offered to answer any questions from the Board. He mentioned that he was currently working with Linn County Secondary Roads and Linn County Natural Resources Conservation Service to complete required conditions.

Motion by Eilers to recommend approval of case JC19-0004, subject to the conditions of the staff report. Second by Maxwell.

Carson	Aye
Grenis	Aye
Landa	Absent
Eilers	Aye
Maxwell	Aye
Gatewood	Aye
Bellon	Aye

OTHER BUSINESS

COMMISSION COMMENTS

STAFF COMMENTS

PUBLIC COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

H. Frank Bellon, Vice Chair

Jessica Black, Recording Secretary