

**VILLAGE OF PLOVER
PLAN COMMISSION
DECEMBER 5, 2016
5:10 PM**

Members Present: Tom Davies, Al Tessmann, Sherri Galle-Teske, Patrick Freund, Gary Wolf, Royce Rossier

Excused Members: Al Haga

Others Present: Richard Holden, Dan Mahoney

1. Mr. Davies called the Plan Commission to order on Monday, December 5, 2016, 5:25pm.
2. Approval of the minutes of the meeting of November 14, 2016

Mr. Freund moved to approve the minutes of November 14, 2016 as printed. Mr. Wolf seconded and the motion carried.

3. Persons wishing to address the Commission.
None.
4. Plover Ranger Station – Communication Tower at 2510 Maple Drive. Mr. Holden's report states that Arlen Ostreng, Edge Consulting Engineers, Inc., has submitted a site plan on behalf of the DNR for a communication tower at the Plover Ranger Station, 2510 Maple Drive. Municipal Code 550-26 Wireless Communication Facilities Section G permits communication towers on all publicly owned property subject to compliance with building code requirements, site plan review, by the Plan Commission and approval by the Village Board. The Site Plan shows the tower location on the north side of the property with access from Locust Drive. The driveway approach located in the R-O-W area will be required to be hard surfaced and provided with curbed radii. The area will be fenced in and will have a small equipment enclosure. The tower is 180' high with an overall height of 199' with antenna's attached. The tower will not have private carriers on it and is strictly for use by the DNR and the DOT (State Patrol) for communication. Mr. Holden recommends that the Plan Commission recommend to the Village Board approval of the Plover Ranger Station-Communication Tower at 2510 Maple Drive as submitted subject to the following:
 - 1) That the communication tower will not have private carriers on it and is strictly for use by the DNR and the DOT (State Patrol); and
 - 2) That the driveway approach in the D-O-W area is hard surfaced and provided with curbed radii per Village of Plover specifications.

Mr. Holden stated that the tower will be fueled by natural gas with a backup generator. Mr. Rossier asked the purpose of no additional carriers on the tower. Mr. Holden stated this is a substantial tower setup for emergency communication for State Patrol and DNR. Other towers less in height 100-120' usually allow private carriers to be installed.

Mr. Tessmann asked the reason for the site selection. Mr. Holden stated that the tower was not on the original site plan; therefore staff was not aware of the request at that time. Mr. Tessmann wanted it on record that the committee never had an idea on the size of this tower. Mr. Holden noted that since the property is state owned the tower is able to located at this site; public property would need to meet issues with zoning requirements.

Mr. Fritz asked what would happen if the tower came down and where would it land. A representative from Edge Consulting Engineers stated that they usually fold in thirds and land directly below on the ground. Mr. Fritz asked if beacons would be installed. There will be no beacons on this size tower.

Marv Hopp stated that Roberts Irrigation had their tower come down and will not be replacing it. The tower was installed back in the 50's and would like to put up a proposal for better coverage to residents within the Village by renting space to private carriers. He stated that the water towers have rentals but they are not high enough to reach all residents. Mr. Mahoney stated that staff is aware that this will not be perceived as a positive, but due to emergency use there was a need to okay. Mark Deaver, Fire Chief, stated that this will be available for the Plover Police Department since it is a state frequency and noted that there are no alternatives if other means would lose their power.

*****RECOMMENDATION TO THE VILLAGE BOARD*** Mr. Rossier moved that the Plan Commission recommend to the Village Board approval of the Plover Ranger Station-Communication Tower at 2510 Maple Drive as submitted subject to conditions 1-2 noted above being met. Mr. Freund seconded and the motion carried. Tessmann nay.**

5. Mr. Rossier moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:53pm. Ms. Galle-Teske seconded and the motion carried.

Submitted by Bonnie Wiczek