

BOROUGH OF FRANKLIN PARK
Technology Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes

March 9, 2021
7:00 PM via Zoom

Roll Call

Craig Dean
Nate Dufresne
Annie Graziani
Cathy Poole
Matthew Garland
Rege Ebner

Invited Guests

Marcy Pearson (McCandless TAC)
Craig Schenker (McCandless TAC)
Bill Carnahan (Verizon)
Jim Rickard (Verizon)
Amy Davis (Verizon)
Marios Kritiotis (Verizon)
Dave Chrzan (Signal Mountain)

Old Business

Minutes from February 9, 2021 approved.

New Business

Verizon Cellular Tower Proposal

Verizon discussed the issues with cellular coverage in the Reis Run Corridor in the area of Clover Hill Golf Course.

- Members of the TAC who live in this area confirm that cell coverage in this area is poor. Franklin Park Police report dropped service on their onboard laptops when traveling Reis Run Rd. However, there has not been a request from residents in the area to the borough to improve cellular service.
- Proposal is to erect a 150” tall monopole behind the maintenance building adjacent to the golf course. This is the third time this proposal will be submitted to the borough. The previous proposals were rejected by council.
- Alternatives to a monopole are limited in this area because utilities are underground so there are no existing utility poles in the neighborhoods.
- There has not been site modeling done in the past. Verizon indicated that it is possible and will provide a model.
- No financial obligation for the borough. Revenue will be generated for lease of the property.
- Verizon agreed to submit a formal proposal to include
 - Site assessment with model of the proposed monopole
 - Alternative to monopole

- Clear information on the cellular coverage in the area
- Opportunities for co-location with other carriers

Collaboration with McCandless TAC

Marcy Pearson and Craig Schenker discussed the goals of the McCandless TAC and their current projects.

- The initial list of projects for the McCandless TAC is similar to the Franklin Park list.
- McCandless is currently reviewing the township software. They are meeting with key staff members to understand where there are gaps/needs for additional software/hardware and/or IT support.
- Members from both TACs agreed that ongoing collaboration would be valuable. Committee members agreed that there will be an open invitation to monthly meetings.

Good and Welfare

No further comments.

Next meeting is April 13 at 7:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy Poole
Vice Chairperson