

Minutes
Meeting of the Telecommunications Commission
Held at 7 p.m., Wed., April 21, 2010 in Room 120 of Oak Park Village Hall

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Present: Chairman Cory Scott
Commissioner Jim Downing
Commissioner Julie Nery
Commissioner John Shuler
Staff Liaison David Powers

Absent: Board Liaison John Hedges

Quorum: Chairman Scott called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. and declared that a quorum was present.

Chairman's Opening Statement

None.

Public Comment

Chairman Scott opened the floor for public comment. None was given.

Agenda

It was moved and seconded to approve the agenda for tonight's meeting. A voice vote was taken and the agenda was approved.

Minutes

It was moved and seconded that the minutes of the March 10, 2010 meeting be approved. A voice vote was taken and the minutes were approved.

Administrative Reports

Liaison Powers said he had been informed by the Village Clerk that if the commission does not meet on its regularly recurring date – the first Wednesday of each month – a cancellation notice must be provided. If a meeting is rescheduled for a different date, it should be considered a special meeting and the agenda reflect that title.

Liaison Powers informed the Commission that Comcast Government Affairs Manager Noreen M. Liginoi-Kubinski had continued to ask for a meeting with those Village officials who would be involved in franchise agreement negotiations. She and Comcast Director of Government Affairs Daniel T. Maloney wished to present the company's latest model franchise agreement, which she said had been endorsed by the Metropolitan Mayors' Caucus and adopted by several Illinois communities. A copy

of the agreement and a list of the communities where the agreement had been approved was provided to the Commission and Village Attorney Ray Heise. Liaison Powers said that he was still awaiting some direction from the Village Attorney on scheduling the meeting.

Liaison Powers noted that no Comcast complaints were received in February. He said that inquiries related to AT&T continued to be about availability. AT&T installations in the Village appeared to be moving slower than originally anticipated.

Regular Agenda

Old Business

Chairman Scott asked Liaison Powers if there was any new information on three outstanding issues – the aboveground facility ordinance related to equipment such as AT&T's video ready access devices (VRADs), the Comcast audit RFP and the PEG needs assessment RFP.

At the March meeting, Attorney Heise had said he hoped to complete a draft of the ordinance in April, since the Village Board would be taking the month off. The draft was not yet completed.

On the matters of the audit and needs assessment, Powers said Attorney Heise still was awaiting an estimate from legal counsel Moss & Barnett on their costs to help manage the projects. At the March meeting, Attorney Heise had said that as soon as an estimate was provided by Moss & Barnett, he would schedule a meeting with the Village Manager to discuss the additional funds beyond those budgeted for 2010 that would be required to complete the projects.

A discussion of the outstanding issues ensued. Consensus of the commission was that unless new information was available by the next regularly scheduled meeting on May 5, the commission likely would not meet. Liaison Powers was asked to contact Attorney Heise and determine the status of the projects.

New Business

Chairman Scott had previously said he would be stepping down as Chairman due to increased requirements of his job. Tonight he said he would be resigning the commission because he would be leaving Oak Park. He said he had spoken with Village President David Pope and Village Clerk Teresa Powell, recommending that Commissioner John Shuler be appointed chair of the commission.

Adjourn

It was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting. A voice vote was taken and the motion was approved. The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m., Wed., April 21, 2010.

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