

**ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
JANUARY 9, 2019 AT 7:00 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS-RM. 201**

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Call to order and Roll Call

PRESENT: Chair Michael Quinn and Members Steve Rusczyk, Jim Lencioni, Mark Hansen, David Brumirski, Don DeBruin and Deborah McQueen

ABSENT:

ALSO PRESENT: Rasheda Jackson, Counsel; Mike Bruce, Zoning Administrator

QUORUM: Chair Quinn called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and declared that a quorum was present.

Public Comment

None

Introduction and Procedure Outline

Chair Quinn explains the procedure for the evening and indicating that we have one public hearing scheduled tonight.

Public Hearings

Cal. No. 01-19-Z: 320 Chicago Avenue, SAC Wireless (Joe Goldshlack) o/b/o AT&T

Applicant SAC Wireless, as contractor for AT&T, filed an application pursuant to Section 8.3 (Table 8-1: Use Matrix) of the Oak Park Zoning Ordinance, requesting the issuance of a special use permit authorizing the attachment of a small wireless facility to an existing Com Ed utility pole on private property at the premises commonly known as 320 Chicago Avenue, Oak Park, Illinois.

Joe Goldshlack presented the case. He says that this proposed small wireless facility will not adversely affect the surrounding neighborhood or its residents because it will hardly be noticeable to the public. The proposed facility will go largely unnoticed because it will sit atop an existing utility pole in an alley.

Mr. Goldshlack says that the facility will benefit the local community by increasing bandwidth and data speeds. He says the purpose of small wireless facilities is to provide cellular coverage without the eyesore of a 200-foot cell tower. Rather than providing blanket coverage like a traditional tower mounted facility, small wireless facilities primarily fill coverage gaps. This provides all the benefits of a new tower, but in a smaller and more focused location that would otherwise go underserved say Mr. Goldshlack.

A discussion ensued about the lease terms.

Ryan Gillingham, a local resident, spoke in opposition to the variance saying that these facilities will proliferate as this is only one carrier's request and aesthetic concerns.

Member Brumirski moved to recommend approval of the application. Member Hansen seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

The ZBA Attorney presented a draft positive Recommendation that will go to the Village Board. Member Hansen moved to approve the Recommendation. Member Lencioni seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

The meeting was adjourned.