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**COOLBAUGH TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, MARCH 12, 2018
MINUTES**

The meeting was called to order by Planning Commission Chairman Bernard Kozen at 6:30pm in the meeting room of the Coolbaugh Township Municipal Center, 5520 Municipal Drive, Tobyhanna, PA.

Mr. Kozen led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board Members present:

Bernard Kozen, Dennis Noonan, Alma I. Ruiz-Smith, and Kevin Ambrogio

Board Members absent:

Steve Baker

Staff present:

Solicitor H. Clark Connor, Township Engineer Russ Kresge and Acting Recording Secretary Erin Masker.

Staff absent:

None

1. Approval of February 12, 2018 Meeting Minutes

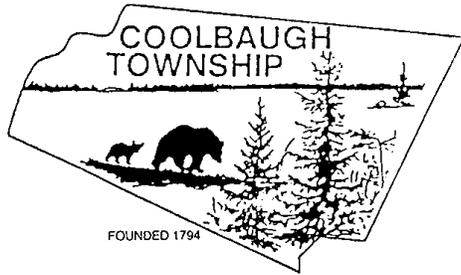
Ms. Ruiz-Smith made a motion second by Mr. Noonan to approve the minutes of the March 12, 2018 meeting as presented.

- **Discussion:** None
- **Vote:** All in favor, motion passes.

2. Mobillite Intelligent Infrastructure Presentation

Mr. Joseph Fitzsimmons reviewed the concepts of small cell sites which can be installed on existing poles or can be an additionally installed telephone pole, stating that his company has the same rights under the PUC as PP&L and Verizon. Mr. Fitzsimmons stated that they could install the devices on telephone poles but that his company chooses to work with the Municipalities with permitting and taking the proper channels. Mobillite is currently working with Sprint on 5th Generation service through the installation of an antennae on top of a pole that is on average 25-50' high, stating that if the poles are on Municipal property, there would be a fee paid to the Municipality.

- **Discussion:** Ms. Ruiz-Smith asked what the impact on cable and streaming services will be being advised this will have no effect on cable or the franchise tax that is received by the Municipality. Mr.Noonan asked for clarification on the DAS and the design of a DAS compared to the small cell sites. D. Noonan asked if more than one carrier could come to the Municipality being advised that they could. Ms. Ruiz-Smith stated that DAS is not entitled to PUC status, stating the status is only while Crown Castle is in litigation. Mr. Noonan stated that our challenge would be how to write the rules with regard to mini cell sites, Township Engineer, Russ Kresge responded that they will be forced upon you, stating that the Federal Gov't will set the rules and limit the Municipality's control over the sites. Mr. Fitzsimmons stated that the sites have to conform to FCC regulations, with Mr. Kresge stating that he has pictures of 5G sites with 4 or 5 boxes with generators to power them with fans to cool them. Mr. Kozen stated that there is also Met-Ed, PECO and other utility



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providers with Mr. Fitzsimmons stating that Mobilite also works with those providers as well. Mr. Ambrogio asked what the cost is to replace a pole being advised by Mr. Fitzsimmons approximately \$25,000.00. Ms. Ruiz-Smith stated that the Board of Supervisors will look to the Commission for direction and requested more information on the difference between as DAS and small cell site. Ms. Ruiz-Smith stated that the Board of Supervisors passed a resolution in opposition of House Bill 1620 as they do not want these cell sites popping up everywhere. Solicitor Connor stated that these cell sites in our current Ordinance are an accessory use and can also be placed on top of traffic lights, and generally the companies won't go higher than they need. Mr. Kozen asked about restrictions in communities with underground utilities. Mr. Fitzsimmons stated that poles are painted in accordance with FAA regulations, but telephone poles can't be painted. There is no monetary benefit to the Township except better cell service to the residents based on their provider. Solicitor Connor stated that the commission is currently working on the Ordinance that is in place with regard to small cell sites.

3. Food Express Convenience Store Dunkin Donuts Drive Thru Land Development Plan Submission

Mr. Nick Argot was in attendance representing the PennMart on Route 196 which will be leasing space to Dunkin Donuts stating that most improvements will be on the interior but because there will be a drive-thru the land development plan is required. N. Argot stated that there are 10 parking spaces that will be relocated and that there is no Erosion, Sediment or NPDES plan required. There is currently a traffic study being conducted in order to make sure that the ingress and egress improvements will be sufficient for the location. Mr. Kresge stated that the plan submission is a complete submission and could be accepted for review.

Ms. Ruiz-Smith made a motion second by Mr. Ambrogio to accept the land development plan from Food Express Convenience Store Dunkin Donuts Drive Thru for review.

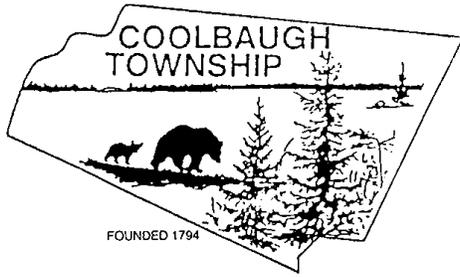
- **Discussion:** None
- **Vote:** All in favor, motion passes.

4. Public Input

Ms. Ruiz-Smith asked that paragraph 4 of the February 12, 2018 meeting minutes be corrected to state that it is an act in the PA House of Representatives not the Congress with the commission agreeing on the change.

5. Adjournment

There being no further business, a motion was made by Ms. Ruiz-Smith second by Mr. Ambrogio to adjourn the meeting. All in favor, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:48PM.



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NEXT REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING: Monday, April 9, 2018.

Submitted by: _____
Steve Baker, Planning Commission Secretary

Compiled by: **Erin M. Masker, Acting Recording Secretary**

Witnessed by: _____
Bernard Kozen, Planning Commission Chairman

Date: _____