

Planning & Zoning Meeting Minutes  
11/21/19  
Butler County Courthouse

**Present**

Planning and Zoning Commission members:

Janice Johnson  
Deb McWhirter  
Ryan Norton

Others:

Misty Kroeze, Zoning Administrator  
Troy Held, Rise Broadband

**Absent**

Jane Close

Janice Johnson called the meeting to order.

A motion was made to approve the previous meeting minutes dated October 17, 2019, by Deb McWhirter and was seconded by Ryan Norton. Motion passed.

**Public Hearing:**

Chair Johnson opened the public hearing on an application for an internet telecommunications tower to be located a 31591 Vail Ave in the E 13 ¾ A. N½ NE SE of Section 21, Township 90 North, Range 15 West of the 5<sup>th</sup> P.M. Troy Held was present on behalf of Rise Broadband. The original plan for the tower included the traditional 11' x 11' concrete pad with footings set approximately 6' below grade. The tower itself will be approximately 84' tall. During the public hearing, Mr. Held presented an alternative plan that they would like the Planning & Zoning Commission to consider due to the need to get the tower erected before the end of the year in order to qualify for the FCC funding initiative to provide internet services to rural areas of the country. The alternative plan proposes a below-grade ballasted foundation that would essentially provide a self-balancing tower. Rise Broadband is still waiting on the results from the soil boring to see if the soils would support this type of tower, and if so, they would like to proceed with that option. If not, they will revert back to the traditional tower plan submitted with their application.

Motion to approve the internet telecommunications tower along with both foundation options with the below-grade ballasted foundation being first option and traditional concrete foundation being the second option dependent on soil boring results was made by Deb McWhirter and seconded by Ryan Norton. Motion was unanimously approved.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Ryan Norton and was seconded by Deb McWhirter. Meeting adjourned.

Misty Kroeze, Planning and Zoning Administrator

