



# Blount County Government

359 Court Street  
Maryville, TN 37804-5906

## Meeting Minutes - Draft

### Board of Zoning Appeals

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Thursday, October 1, 2020

6:00 PM

Blount County Courthouse, Room 430

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<https://zoom.us/join>  
Meeting ID 971 6244 8032

#### I. Call To Order

#### II. Roll Call

**Present** 4 - Chairperson Larry Chesney, Board Member Stanley Headrick, Board Member Brian King, and Secretary Bruce Damrow

**Absent** 1 - Board Member Joe Everett

#### III. Approval of Minutes.

A motion was made by Board Member King, seconded by Secretary Damrow to approve the September 3, 2020, minutes. A roll call vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:

**Yes:** 4 - Chairperson Chesney, Board Member Headrick, Board Member King, and Secretary Damrow

**No:** 0

**Absent:** 1 - Board Member Everett

**Abstain:** 0

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**Attachments:** [DRAFT BZA Minutes 9-3-20.pdf](#)

#### IV. Variance Request:

Request for front setback reduction at 5843 Lakeshore Dr. (Map 104J H Parcel 004.00:

**Attachments:** [Variance Request Staff memo 10-1-20 - 5843 Lakshore Dr.pdf](#)

Traci Eggleston, owner, spoke in regards to the request. No one spoke against this item. A motion was made by Board Member King, seconded by Secretary Damrow, that the request for the front setback reduction at 5843 Lakeshore Dr. be approved as it meets the requirements for Section 11.6.F. A roll call vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:

**Yes:** 4 - Chairperson Chesney, Board Member Headrick, Board Member King, and Secretary Damrow

No: 0

Absent: 1 - Board Member Everett

Abstain: 0

## V. Special Exception:

Request by Verizon Wireless for a 164' (155' tower w/ lighting rod) monopine cellular tower on property located at 7927 Carnes Road, Townsend (Map 096, Parcel 041.00).

**Attachments:** [Staff Memo - 7927 Carnes Road 100120 BZA.pdf](#)

[Attach1 Map.pdf](#)

[Attach2 Consultant Report.pdf](#)

[Attach3 Application \(1\).pdf](#)

[Attach4 Supplemental.pdf](#)

[Attach5 Site Plan Elevations.pdf](#)

[Attach6 Notifications.pdf](#)

Larry Perry, the County's consultant for cell towers, reported on his findings and recommendations regarding the cell tower request along with a recommendation to have it built within a year.

Andy Rotenstreich, Verizon representative, spoke on the request of the cell tower, the meeting with the neighborhood representatives to try and address their concerns, and meeting the requirements by the County.

Kelleen Hembree, Townsend resident, commented on the need for a tower.

Pete Kepf, inquired about the ground elevation of the tower with regards to the landscape; Mr. Perry stated that the ground elevation is 1145 feet.

Chuck Brown, Townsend resident, showed a presentation and is against the cell tower location.

Arlene Boyce, Townsend resident, inquired about the possibility of co-locating on the AT&T tower or find a different location.

No one else spoke against this item.

Andy Rotenstreich spoke regarding a co-location and other concerns previously discussed.

A motion was made by Board Member King, seconded by Secretary Damrow, to approve the monopine cellular tower on property located at 7927 Carnes Road having met the requirements for Sections 7.4D.4 and 11.5F and G, subject to staff recommendations including to have it built within one year. Recommendation was made to add a time frame for construction to begin. Motion amended to include that permits be issued and construction should begin within 15 months from this date. A roll call vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to

have passed by the following vote:

**Yes:** 4 - Chairperson Chesney, Board Member Headrick, Board Member King, and Secretary Damrow

**No:** 0

**Absent:** 1 - Board Member Everett

**Abstain:** 0

## **VI. Other Business.**

## **VII. Adjournment.**

Motion by Board Member King, seconded by Secretary Damrow to adjourn. Motion approved.