

# TOWN OF FARMINGTON

## PLANNING COMMISSION

**MEETING MINUTES**  
 REGULAR MEETING  
 September 18, 2018  
 PREPARED BY: CRYSTAL SBRAGGIA

MINDORO, WISCONSIN 54644 | WWW.CO.LA-CROSSE.WI.US/TOWNOFFARMINGTON

**ATTENDEES:**

**CHAIRMAN:** Dan Heidel | **COMMITTEE MEMBERS:** Michael White, Mike Raabe, Paul Lash

CATEGORY	TASK / DECISION
<p><b>Call to Order</b></p>	<p>The meeting was called to order by Dan Heidel at 7:30pm</p>
<p><b>Meeting Minute Review</b></p>	<p>Mmsp: Lash / Raabe: Motion to approve the August 21, 2018 minutes with a small correction to the current zoning of the 3 acre parcel within Iverson request.</p>
<p><b>Bug Tussel Chris Henshue</b></p>	<p>Bug Tussel Representative, Chris Henshue, was in attendance to request approval for conditional use permits to be applied to three different building sites in which the company plans to construct high speed internet towers.</p> <p>Mr. Henshue explained that the company’s mission was to bring high speed internet to rural Wisconsin and is planning the construction of 20 towers within La Crosse County.</p> <p>Each of the tentative towers in the Town of Farmington will be 300’ high and will project high speed internet signals. Each will likely be equipped with FirstNet a cellular signal service, as well, that will ensure dedicated signal for First Responders and Fire Departments. These towers could potentially offer commercial AT&amp;T cellular signal also. Setback requirements set forth by La Crosse County will be followed and a bond clause has been added into the county’s agreement already that will ensure that monies will be available to remove and restore the land in the event towers are no longer in service. The Service provider noted that the company never oversells so internet speed will not be an issue for consumers and was confident that weather does not interfere with signal.</p> <p>Site # 1 (Mindoro Site) located near north of town near the intersection of Hwy C and T. Parcel: 5-793-0</p> <p>Site #2: (Stevenstown) located on land near the intersection of Baker and Cox Hill Road. Parcel: 5-1370-0</p>

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	<p>Site #3: (Herman Coulee) located on Herman Coulee Road. Parcel: 5-384-0</p> <p>Site #4: (Burr Oak) Site TBD</p> <p>Mmsp: White / Lash: The committee recommends approving the conditional use permits that would allow construction on the three sites presented at tonight’s meeting (Mindoro, Stevenstown and Herman Coulee Road) because the plan not only offers First Net services to our emergency personnel but also offers the opportunity for high speed internet to the residents of our community. Further tower sites would require additional approvals.</p> <p>Next Step: Bug Tussel will need to present the plan at the October 2, 2018, Town of Farmington Board Meeting.</p>
<p><b>Nick Sinotte</b>                      Request to lift deed restrictions</p>	<p>County Road D and Hall Road (Parcel: 5-1556-0)</p> <p>Via telephone, Mr. Sinotte, explained his plans to construct a house onto a 17.2 parcel of land that is currently owned by his Mother In-Law. He noted that this parcel along with six other parcels is part of a larger Base Farm Tract that is deed restricted to not allow the construction of any other residential buildings.</p> <p>It is the committee’s understanding that these restrictions were put into place based on a 2012 statewide BFT farmland conservation statute. That said, the committee does not believe that the Township has the authority to lift such restrictions but would like to confirm this understanding with the county before making the final recommendation.</p> <p>Mmsp: White / Heidel                      A motion was made to table this agenda item until further information can be gathered from the county in regard to the restrictions currently</p>

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	placed onto parcel 5-1556-0  Next Step: The agenda item will be placed onto the October 2018, Plan Committee agenda.
Adjourn	Mmsp White / Lash: A motion to adjourn was made at 9pm.