Zoning Request Report
County of Kane

TO: Kane County Zoning Board Of Appeals
Kane County Development Committee
County Board Member District
Janice Hill
Petitioner
Carl Schoedel
Mark VanKerkhoff
Monica Meyers

PETITION NUMBER  2016-4395

GENERAL INFORMATION

APPLICANT: Michael Iacopetti
SAC Wireless
1501 East Woodfield Rd., Ste 300
Schaumburg 60173

PURPOSE: A SPECIAL USE FOR A PRIVATE COMMUNICATIONS TOWERS

EXISTING ZONING: F - FARMING;

REQUESTED ACTION: SPECIAL USE FOR A PRIVATE COMMUNICATIONS TOWER

SIZE: 0.21 ACRES

LOCATION: North Side of Big Timber Rd. Across from Timber Ridge Dr., Section 35, Rutland Township (39W330 Big Timber Rd.)

SURROUNDING
NORTH F - FARMING;
SOUTH PUD - PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT;
EAST F - FARMING; VILLAGE OF GILBERTS
WEST F - FARMING;

EXISTING LAND USE: RESIDENTIAL;

LAND USE PLAN DESIGNATION: PROPOSED OPEN SPACE

ZONING HISTORY: NO PREVIOUS REQUEST FOR THIS SITE

APPLICABLE LAND USE REGULATION: ARTICLE VIII, SECTION 8.1-2 H.5
Special Information: SAC Wireless is proposing to lease approximately 9000 square feet to build a communications tower. The monopole tower would be 135 ft high. Space on the tower would be used by companies for their wireless networks. The lease site is within 900 feet of the Village of Gilberts boundaries. Gilberts has passed a resolution objecting to the proposed special use (see attachment).

Analysis: The Kane County 2040 Land Resource Management Plan designates this area as Proposed Open Space. This category includes areas recommended for both public and private open space and green infrastructure uses. The special use’s small size and proximity to the roadway would have little impact on development of open space. KDOT will not allow a second access point to the property causing the access driveway to be located around the perimeter of the property. Water Resources will require a stormwater permit for this project and may require stormwater detention.

Staff recommended Finding of Facts:

1. The proposed tower meets the height and setback requirements established for public utility towers.

Attachments: Location Map
Township Map
Petitioner's finding of fact sheet
Gilberts' Resolution
Findings of Fact Sheet – Special Use

Construction of a New Wireless Telecommunication Facility 5/4/16
Special Use Request Date

- The Kane County Zoning Board is required to make findings of fact when considering a special use.

- Special Uses shall be considered at a public hearing before the Zoning Board of Appeals. In its report of findings of facts, recommendations shall be made to the County Board following the public hearing. The Zoning Board will not recommend a special use unless the following items are addressed:

6. Explain how the establishment, maintenance or operation of the special use will not be detrimental to or endanger the public health, safety, morals, comfort or general welfare.

The proposed Special Use will not be detrimental to or endanger the public health, safety, morals, comfort or general welfare of the community. In fact, the increased wireless coverage facility was selected to minimize the impact on the surrounding area.

7. Explain how the special use will not be injurious to the use, enjoyment and value of other property in the immediate vicinity.

The proposed Special Use will not be injurious to the use, enjoyment and value of other property in the immediate vicinity. This location for our proposed unmanned telecommunication facility was selected to minimize the impact on the surrounding area.

8. Explain how the special use will not impede the normal, orderly development and improvement of the surrounding property.

The proposed Special Use will not impede the normal, orderly development and improvement of the surrounding property. As mentioned above, this site was selected to minimize the impact on the surrounding properties.

9. Will adequate utility, access roads, drainage and other necessary facilities be provided? Please explain:

The proposed Telecommunication Facility will be accessed via a proposed aggregated access road. The necessary utilities are currently in the Right of Way and will be brought back to the site via a new utility easement. Drainage will not be an issue for this proposed use.
10. Will adequate measures be provided for ingress and egress so designed to minimize the traffic and congestion? Please explain:

As previously mentioned, this will be an unmanned wireless telecommunication facility that, once constructed, will be accessed approximately once a month by a service technician in a small pick up or van via the proposed access easement.

11. Will the special use conform to the regulations of the district in which it is located? Please explain:

The proposed Special Use will conform to all regulations of the district in which it is to be located.
VILLAGE OF GILBERTS

A RESOLUTION OPPOSING SAC WIRELESS PETITION TO KANE COUNTY
FOR A SPECIAL USE PERMIT FOR A CELLULAR TOWER
(39W330 Big Timber Road)

WHEREAS, SAC Wireless for Central States Tower III, LLC ("SAC Wireless") filed a petition with the Kane County Zoning Board of Appeals ("SAC Petition") requesting that the County approve a special use permit to allow it to construct a 135 foot high monopole tower for cellular antenna facilities ("Tower") on property located at 39W330 Big Timber Road in unincorporated Kane County and zoned in the F Farming District ("Property"); and

WHEREAS, the Kane County Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) intends to conduct a public hearing on the SAC Petition; and

WHEREAS, Kane County sent a notice of the SAC Petition to the Village of Gilberts, since the Property is immediately adjoining the Village of Gilberts' corporate boundaries and is within the Village's 1 ½ mile planning jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Gilberts Board of Trustees desires to adopt and present to the County, and have entered into the record of the ZBA hearing, a formal resolution of the Village Board to oppose the SAC Petition; and

WHEREAS, it is the Village's position that the Property is not an appropriate location for the installation of a Tower, and that the antenna facilities proposed to be located on the Tower would be more appropriately installed on existing facilities such as a publicly owned water tower, which would encourage co-location of antenna facilities and avoid a proliferation of cellular towers that can negatively affect the character of the surrounding area.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE VILLAGE OF GILBERTS, KANE COUNTY, ILLINOIS, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The recitals listed above are incorporated into this Resolution as if fully set forth in this Section 1.

Section 2. The Village Board opposes the SAC Petition because the Petition for the proposed Tower does not meet the special use permit standards set forth in Section 25-4-8-2 of the County Zoning Ordinance. Specifically, allowing the construction of a new 135 foot high Tower on the property, where there are existing facilities that could accommodate the installation and co-location of antenna facilities, could have a negative impact on the character of the neighboring area and property values of neighboring properties. Co-location of antenna facilities on existing facilities, wherever feasible, should be encouraged to mitigate the impact from a proliferation of cellular towers. The Village Board of Gilberts requests that the Kane County ZBA recommend that the County Board deny SAC’s request, and the County Board should accept the ZBA’s recommendation and deny SAC’s petition for a special use permit for the Tower.
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Village Clerk, Debra Meadows
Applicant: Bill Americh
Contact: Bill
Address: 465 Pine St
          Grass Valley, CA 95945
Project: Rutland East / IL-00-5798
Address: 39W330 Big Timber Road, Elgin

IDNR Project Number: 1605656
Date: 12/16/2015

Description: Central States Tower III, LLC proposes to construct a tower facility on the northwestern portion of the Subject Property. The tower facility will include a 130-foot (135-foot overall) monopole tower within a fenced compound on a 10,000 square-foot lease area.

Natural Resource Review Results

This project was submitted for information only. It is not a consultation under Part 1075.

The Illinois Natural Heritage Database contains no record of State-listed threatened or endangered species, Illinois Natural Area Inventory sites, dedicated Illinois Nature Preserves, or registered Land and Water Reserves in the vicinity of the project location.

Location
The applicant is responsible for the accuracy of the location submitted for the project.

County: Kane

Township, Range, Section:
42N, 7E, 35

IL Department of Natural Resources
Contact
Impact Assessment Section
217-785-5500
Division of Ecosystems & Environment

Government Jurisdiction
Other

Disclaimer
The Illinois Natural Heritage Database cannot provide a conclusive statement on the presence, absence, or condition of natural resources in Illinois. This review reflects the information existing in the Database at the time of this inquiry, and should not be regarded as a final statement on the site being considered, nor should it be a substitute for detailed site surveys or field surveys required for environmental assessments. If additional protected resources are encountered during the project’s implementation, compliance with applicable statutes and regulations is required.

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January 22, 2016

Kane County
Keith Berkhout
719 S. Batavia Ave.
Geneva, IL 60134

We have assigned number 16-005 to a Land Use Opinion Application from:

Central States Tower III, LLC
1501 E. Woodfield Rd. Ste 300E
Schaumburg, IL 60173

The site location is:

Rutland Township
Section 35, Township 42N, Range 7

The application was sent to us in compliance with Section 22.02a of the Illinois Soil and Water Conservations Districts Act.

_______ Our review and comments will be sent to you on or before __________________

____ X According to the information received, this proposed land use change will not have a substantial effect on natural resources. Therefore, no further action will be taken by the Soil and Water Conservation District Board.

____ X A processing fee of $65.00 has been retained.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Shroder
Office Assistant
Michael Iacopetti

From: McGraw, Keith <McGrawKeith@co.kane.il.us>
Sent: Tuesday, July 26, 2016 7:26 AM
To: Michael Iacopetti; Nika, Kurt
Cc: Benda, Lydia
Subject: RE: Access Permit Application for Review and Approval (Rutland East) - 39W330 Big Timber Road, Elgin, IL 60124

Michael,

Your site plan dated 10-5-15 revised 7-14-16 is accepted by KDOT. Since all work virtually takes place outside the right-of-way no access permit will be required. This may serve as your acceptance to the Building Department for their access requirements. Once they have issued a permit number, please forward that to my office for our use.

If you have any questions, please don’t hesitate to ask

Keith McGraw
Kane County – Division of Transportation
Permitting Section
41W011 Burlington Road
St. Charles IL 60175

t (630) 584-1171
f (630) 584-5239

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From: Michael Iacopetti [mailto:Michael.Iacopetti@sacw.com]
Sent: Monday, July 25, 2016 3:37 PM
To: Nika, Kurt
Cc: McGraw, Keith; Benda, Lydia
Subject: RE: Access Permit Application for Review and Approval (Rutland East) - 39W330 Big Timber Road, Elgin, IL 60124
Importance: High

Hi Kurt,

Please see the attached revised site sketch showing the proposed access to the site location. Can you please review and approve at your earliest convenience? I’d appreciate it if you could let me know as soon as possible.

Thank you,

Michael Iacopetti | Site Development Specialist | C: (630) 674 - 8600
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Brooke,

In regards to the attached request for Special Use, KDOT has reviewed the application and attached site plan and has the following stipulation:

- The homeowner shall dedicate a 60-foot half right of way to the County of Kane prior to any work commencing on this project.

As always if you have any questions or comments, please don’t hesitate to reach out.

Keith McGraw

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Brooke,

In regards to the Special use for a private communication tower 02-35-200-012 39W330 Big Timber Road, there is currently depressional storage in the South East corner of this lot. If any of this depressional storage is filled, compensatory storage will need to be provided elsewhere on the site. A stormwater permit is required this project and potentially stormwater detention.

Thanks,
Anne

Anne Wilford
Kane County - Water Resources Division
719 Batavia Avenue
Geneva, IL 60134
(630)232-3496
August 17, 2016

Kane County Government Center
Kane County Zoning Board of Appeals
Attn: Brooke Biever, Kane County Zoning Department
719 S, Batavia Avenue, Bldg A 4th Floor
Geneva, Illinois 60134

Zoning Board of Appeals Members,

Please find enclosed a copy of the Village of Gilberts’ Resolution 16-23, a Resolution opposing the SAC Wireless Petition to Kane County for a special use permit for the construction of a cellular tower at 39W330 Big Timber Road in unincorporated Gilberts. Please include this resolution in the packet materials for the Kane County ZBA’s hearing on the SAC Petition.

If you should have any questions with respect to the Village’s opposition to the SAC Wireless Petition please do not hesitate to contact me at 847-428-2861.

Sincerely,

George Sakas
Village Administrator

Cc: Kane County Board Members

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