STC Meeting Minutes – April 5, 2019

Call to order
A meeting of the Sherman Telecommunications Committee was called to order at 11:07 am at Mallory Town Hall on April 5, 2019.

Attendees included Committee members Gail Maletz [GM], Steve Maletz [SM], Zoe Sochor [ZS], Terri Hahn [TH], Al Zeisler [AZ] and Don Lowe [DL]. Also in attendance was Timber Trails Assoc. Partner Aldo Pascarella [AZ].

Approval of minutes and 2019 meeting dates
A motion to approve the minutes of the March 8, 2019 STC meeting, with changes from Frank Copsidas (who attended the March 8 meeting for public comments) was made by AZ and seconded by DL; approved unanimously.

Correspondence/Public Comment
AP attended to find out more about the STC. The STC members in attendance were interested in AP’s update us on easement or lease for emergency services. No further update provided.

Old Business

- **Status of emergency equipment installation (DL/TH)**
  DL reported that progress is continuing steadily on an alternative location.

- **Possible cell tower site per Ray Vergati (GM)** - GM reported that the ground lease with Homeland Towers and an interested landlord is still in progress. Still expected for early April. Next steps would be filing the site in zoning around July 1 with a zoning process of 9-12 months.

- **T-Mobile installation at Happy Acres per Dan Reid (GM)** – GM reported that Dan Reid of T-Mobile said the inside of the silo first needs to be inspected before construction starts.

- **NWConneCT / NWCOG (TH)** – TH reiterated that she will be attending NWConneCT’s April 25 meeting at 4 pm in Goshen, representing Sherman, and Sherman Charter/Spectrum representative Frank Copsidas will join her if possible. DL suggested TH’s role should be to get clarity on what they are doing and how NWConneCT can help with Sherman’s efforts for reliable telecommunications.

- **Emergency call boxes (AZ/TH)** – TH still finding out about pole ownership and following up with Frank re his March 12 meeting.

New Business
A. Discussion/action on new chairperson and member(s) – Members discussed whether to meet monthly or every other month. Consensus was monthly for now. Gail and Steve are moving out of Sherman. Steve resigned his membership from STC. Gail resigned as chairperson, but she will continue to be a member. STC members nominated TH and ZS as co-chairs. DL motioned; SM seconded; unanimously approved.

B. Discussion/action on STC meeting schedule
TH mentioned we could present to community groups about the STC, e.g. churches, JCC, DNC, RNC. Discussion focused on engaging with key government commissions and community groups in ways that will be productive over the long term. The group decided to devote significant time during the next meeting to a communications plan to review past efforts and define goals, identify key stakeholders and outline appropriate actions.

**ACTIONS:** GM to outline history for discussion; TH to find out process from Homeland Towers

Adjournment
The meeting was adjourned at 12:22 PM. Next meeting: Friday May 3 at 11 am, Mallory Town Hall.