

**Minutes of the Board of
Zoning Appeals Hearing
Thursday, August 31, 2017 at 5:00 p.m.**

**Proceedings of the Village of Spring Green Board of Zoning Appeals Hearing on
August 31, 2017 at 5:00 p.m., Village Office, 154 N. Lexington St. Spring Green, WI.**

- 1. Call to Order.** Doug Feiner called the hearing to order at 5:00 p.m. Members present were: Julie Kardatzke, Michael Mertens, Doug Feiner, and Bob Churchill. Leslie Shultz was absent.
Others present: Wendy Crary, Greg Jewell, Terry Shifflet, Suzanne Shifflet, and Julie Shebek.
- 2. Approve Agenda.** Motion by Kardatzke, second by Churchill to approve the agenda. Motion carried.
- 3. Consideration of a request by US Cellular for a variance to construct a communications tower and equipment building on parcel #182-0607, 621 Carpenter Lane near Village Wastewater Treatment Plant, Spring Green, WI.**
Terry Shifflet began by saying, "I'm not a big "Not in my backyard" person but this tower is going to be visible from my campground, the golf course, and South Park". Shifflet continued by stating, "The tower that was just built in Arena is visible for at least 3 miles". Shifflet also explained that he likes the current placement on the Village water tower were it isn't so visible. Shifflet also informed those present that there are already storm water runoff issues south of the proposed location. Shebek with US Cellular explained that the primary reason for the new tower is due to upgrades in technology. The water tower is not structurally able to hold new technology for increased coverage and internet speed. Jewell said, "We reviewed the application and the variance is only for the height of the proposed tower". Jewell continued by explaining that legislation was enacted in 2013 and specifically states that an application for a cell tower cannot be disapproved based solely on the height of the mobile service support structure or on whether the structure requires lighting. Jewell continued by saying, "I went through this personally with property I own and there was nothing I could do to stop it".
- 4. General Public Comment.** There was no general public comment at this time.
- 5. Adjournment.** Motion by Churchill, second by Mertens to adjourn the public hearing at 5:12 p.m. Motion carried.