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Sent: Thursday, March 17, 2022 4:51 PM
To: Schaefer, Rachael - Planning & Zoning
Subject: Cell phone tower

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Hello,

I live in the Fair Oaks neighborhood across from Center Grove Middle School North where Verizon is appealing to have a cell phone tower installed. I would like to voice my concerns against this tower being installed so close to our residential neighborhood.

I am concerned because I don't see value in expecting companies to abide by certain restrictions (these kinds of things should be below ground) but then making exceptions on a whim. I am concerned because of the size of the towers and their interference with the aesthetics of the area. I am concerned because with the towers being above ground, an accident or weather event could knock service out very easily. I am finally concerned about the safety of these towers.

Please stand against this request and ask Verizon and other companies to comply with the regulations the county has in place already. I have no doubt that they will find a way to meet the demands of faster internet within compliance if we hold firm to our policies.

Sincerely,
Catherine Tedrow.

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From: Greg Dallas <gdindy@aol.com>
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Greetings, I am writing to oppose the purposed cell towers in FairOaks Subdivision in Greenwood, IN. There is a gigantic field next to the new fire station in front of the middle school north on Morgantown & fairview along with a huge rooftop at the fire station that could easily host these towers. There is absolutely no reason to install this in residential communities like ours and diminish our property value and community aesthetics . We will be contacting our State Rep along with our councilman to voice our concerns and will be following closely.

Respectfully submitted,

Greg Dallas
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Greenwood, IN 46142
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Johnson County Planning & Zoning
86 West Court Street
Franklin, In. 46131

RE: Petition SP-SCW-1-2022 through SP-SCW-28-2022

To whom it may concern,

As a resident of a neighborhood that will be impacted by the addition of these telecommunication poles (Fairview Heights), I wanted to express my opposition to modifying the zoning laws to allow overhead utilities.

The proposed location of these poles is essentially in people's front yards, just a few feet from the street. I realize this ground is considered a utility easement, but it is the residents who have to maintain the landscaping. It is this location, so far from the other power and communication utilities that is also a concern. For the petitioner to get power to these locations, they will be digging long trenches to the back of people's property, as that is where the JCREMC transformers are located. I am sure most of these trenches will be over 100ft long. Two years ago, other telecommunication companies added underground lines via directional bore, and they still tore up a lot of grass – to which we only got some grass seed that never took hold. I had to over-seed the area. See attached photos for examples of how far power is located from the proposed sites.

I would also like to point out that even existing underground utilities in my neighborhood get ignored and fall into disrepair. Many of the small utility boxes that are existing are rusting or hanging open. I can only imagine how badly these 47ft tall poles will look in 10 years. I also wonder, if Verizon is allowed to install their version of 5G towers, how long after will T-Mobile, Sprint, ATT and any other wireless company want to get their poles stood up? See additional attached photos for other utility equipment in disrepair.

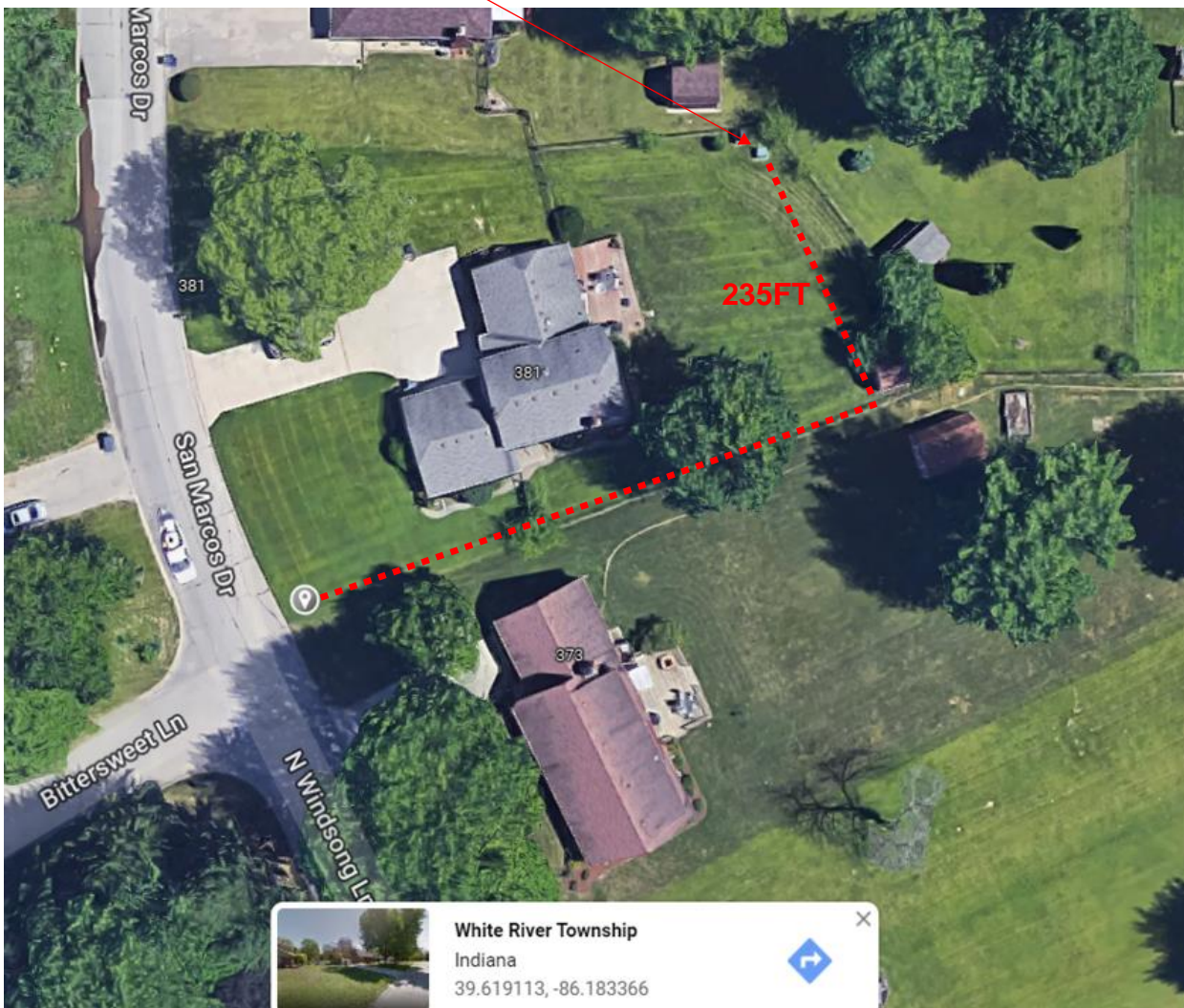
Lastly, it is my understanding that these 5G signals cause severe interruption to broadcast television signals received via antenna. That is how I receive my local channels, local news, and local weather updates.

My current cellular phones work fine. In fact, when I'm in my own home, it auto-connects to my wifi, so I have no need for improved wireless signal. I imagine most people operate their phones that way.

David Harmon
293 Summit Ridge Drive
Greenwood, In 46142

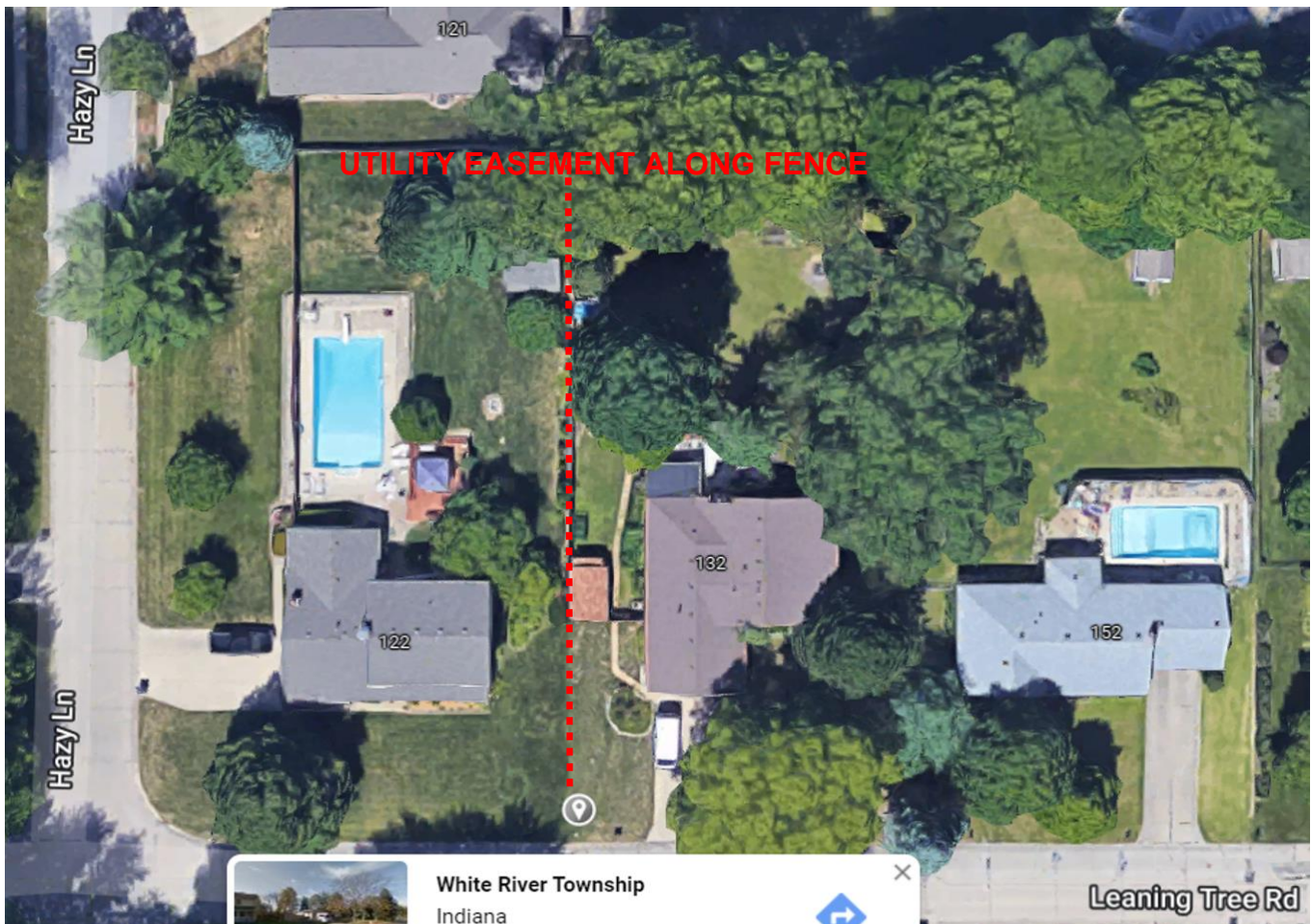


NEAREST JCREMC TRANSFORMER FOR CONNECTION OF POWER TO THE POLE





THERE ARE NO TRANSFORMERS IN THE FRONT YARDS OF THIS NEIGHBORHOOD. POWER WILL HAVE TO ORIGINATE FROM THE BACK OF THESE PROPERTIES.



EXISTING UNDERGROUND UTILITY EQUIPMENT LOOKS BAD ENOUGH. 47FT TALL POLES ARE BOUND TO LOOK WORSE IN 10 YEARS.



16 March 2022

RE: #SP-SCW-28-2022 by TeleCaD on behalf of Verizon Wireless

Members of the Johnson County Zoning Board,

I am writing to you today to implore you to deny the request #SP-SCW-28-2022 by TeleCaD on behalf of Verizon Wireless at 3953 Woodmore Drive, Greenwood, Indiana 46142. I am the property owner where this proposed tower will sit.

There are multiple reasons for a denial of this request starting with the proposed location of this pole. It is in the visible front elevation of my property and will be seen from multiple homes' front elevation on the cul-de-sac. I purchased this property, in part, because it is located in a beautiful neighborhood with well-cared for single family homes that have underground utilities and clean property sightlines. The visual impact of this cell tower would drastically alter the defining characteristics and aesthetics of the neighborhood and specifically my property.

Next, we should address safety factors related to the tower. This tower is being placed in a direct driving sightline through the cul-de-sac. This sightline is used upon approach to the cul-de-sac and upon leaving it from multiple drives. In addition, this curve of my property has been driven over multiple times by school buses, delivery vehicles and even the snow plow. This tower can easily be damaged or cause damage. This also doesn't consider other health and safety concerns that will not be taken into consideration at this meeting.

Finally, I would like to address the effect this pole would have on property value specifically of my property. Common sense tells us that a large utility pole on the front elevation of any property will have a negative impact on its resale value and potentially the homes around it. Research supports that observation and makes it clear that this proposed tower will have a financial impact upon myself and other residents. A survey by the National Institute for Science, Law & Public Policy (NISLAPP) found that 94 percent of home buyers and renters are less interested and would pay less for a property located near a cell tower or antenna. They feel this way because of the visual blight to the neighborhood, and also concerns about safety and health.. In both the Bond & Hue and the Bond & Wang studies, it was found that proximity to a cell tower caused a reduction in property values near 15 percent and up to 20 percent. The closer the tower the greater the value impact. In another study by Bond & Beamish, property owners within 100' of a cell tower would have to reduce the sales price of their homes by over 20 percent. The tower proposed for the front of my property is within 50' of my home and even closer to my driveway. This impact on property value will affect not only the homes near to the tower, but will affect properties throughout our neighborhood.

Although we understand and agree there is tremendous value in providing appropriate utility infrastructure, it can be done without sacrificing the good in our neighborhoods and properties if we so choose, especially when there are very good alternatives available. I strongly oppose the building of this cell tower on my property and in my neighborhood.

With sincere gratitude for your time and consideration,


William E. Smith

Property Owner, Voter, Retired USN
3953 Woodmore Dr, Greenwood, IN 46142

We, the property owners of Woodmore Estates, are asking you the Johnson County Board of Zoning Appeals to deny the request #SP-SCW-28-2022 by TeleCaD on behalf of Verizon Wireless to build a cell tower at 3953 Woodmore Dr., Greenwood, IN 46142.

We are making this request based on the following reasons:

- The location of this tower is in the front sightlines of multiple properties.
- The changing aesthetic appeal of a neighborhood that has all utilities buried.
- The safety issues of locating a pole through an unobstructed sightline into the cul-de-sac.

Thank you for your consideration.

Name	Address	Signature
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GLENN SMITH	3953 WOODMORE, DRIVE	Glenn Smith
LARRY J SCHMALZ	3922 WOODMORE DRIVE	Larry J Schmalz
JOHN ROEFER	3967 WOODMORE DRIVE	John Rofer
EMILY ROEFER	3967 WOODMORE DR	Emily A Rofer
Ken Bird	3966 Woodmore Drive	K Bird
Katherine Carlson	3976 Woodmore Drive	Katherine Carlson
PAT VERCAUTEREN	3984 WOODMORE DRIVE	Pat Vercauteren
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Donald Evans	583 Woodmore CT	Donald Evans
Susan Alexander	525 Woodmore Crt	Susan D Alexander
Michelle Pappas	520 Woodmore Ct	Michelle Pappas
STEVE KINDER	542 WOODMORE CT.	Steve Kinder
Bill Parkhurst	3985 WOODMORE DRIVE	Bill Parkhurst
Tracy Dant	3993 Woodmore Dr	Tracy Dant
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