

Telecommunications Commission

Wednesday September 21, 2022 – 6:00 P.M.

Council Chambers – Brecksville City Hall

Members Present: Joe Fleming, John Guardado, Beth Savage, Jennifer Elting, Gerald Broski

Members Absent: Myrah Ward

Others Present: Laura Redinger, Gary Marzec

The meeting began at 6:05 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

New Business

Oath of Office:

New member Gary Marzec was sworn in to replace the unexpired term of Michael Berlin. Administered by Beth Savage.

Election of Officers:

Chairman – John Guardado. Motion by Joe Fleming. Seconded by Gerry Broski. All approved.

The commission approved the minutes from the April 20, 2022 meeting. Motion by Jennifer Elting. Seconded by Joe Fleming.

Franchise Fees

Franchise fee were discussed from 1st and 2nd quarters of 2022.

Customer Complaints

On May 9, Andrew Simon at 9889 Tamarack Trl. said he had been calling Spectrum since beginning of April, complaining of cable lines that have been laying in his yard alongside of his neighbor at 9881 Tamarack. Brian Young was contacted at Charter Comm. A supervisor came out to inspect the cables on May 12 and informed customer cables will be buried within the next week.

On May 10, Rick Montowski at 7795 Monticello Dr. called. He said the phone company, AT&T, left a coil of phone wires on his fence in his back yard and also a coil of wires by the pole in his front yard on the ground. Linda Dixon, Office of the President Executive Care and Advocacy AT&T Services, Inc. investigated the concern by Rick Montowski and the drop was removed on May 13.

On May 17, Steve Schuster contacted Councilmember Brian Stucky about exposed Spectrum cables around the property at 6839 and 6845 West Fitzwater Rd. Residents have not been able to get Spectrum to do anything about this issue. Brian Young from Charter Comm. was contacted on May 18 and issue was resolved within a week.

On August 9, Dave Wojciak at 3846 Boxelder Dr. said AT&T did some work at the apron of his driveway. They dug underneath the apron to bury lines. They have not filled in hole at apron. Resident claims he has called several times and no one has fixed the problem. Antony Costanzo from AT&T had Robert Roush, Sr. Specialist-Tech Vendor Management investigate this issue. On Aug. 11, Robert found the responsible party for this yard damage as Minon Construction, which was contracted by AT&T to do the project. Robert reached out to the owner of the company, John Minon, to request he contact the resident. On Aug. 19, John Minon guaranteed yard would be fixed in the next week.

Open Forum

Gary Marzec is going to contact Tony Costanzo at AT&T seeking information about the proposed Fiber Expansion in Brecksville: Since about 75% of our license fees are generated from Charter Communications how will AT&T fiber coexist with an essentially cable environment? Will customers be able to benefit from fiber without removing cable lines. For example will a wireless signal be generated from fiber on a pole into a router within a customer's home? Does AT&T have an open relationship with Charter and will they share fiber infrastructure with them? If Charter or Verizon determine they too would like to provide fiber to customers in Brecksville, will they be deterred or otherwise be in conflict with AT&T Fiber?

Beth Savage is going to contact Tony Costanzo about who is responsible for following up on work that is done by AT&T contractors.

Joe Fleming discussed the use of an Internet Box 4G LTE from Verizon that can host TV, internet and cell phone usage with unlimited data.

Also discussed were the 2 issues of rezoning on the Nov. 8, 2022 ballot. Property at Highland Dr. Elementary School to be rezoned from Community Facility to Single Family Residential. And property on S. Edgerton from Local Business to include a Planned Development Overlay District that permits assembly use of an event / party center.

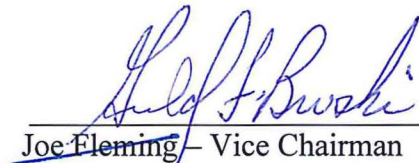

The road construction from the new gas line project at Rts. 21 & 82 near the Square by Dominion will be coming to an end in the next couple of weeks with the Rt. 82 / Calvin Dr. sewer project beginning.

Final meetings for 2022 was Scheduled for November 16, 2022.

With no further business to discuss the meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m. Motion to adjourn by John Guardado. Seconded by Beth Savage.



John Guardado – Chairman


Joe Fleming – Vice Chairman


Minutes prepared by recording secretary Valerie DiCamillo