DEKALB COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

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AGENDA

DeKalb County Board of Zoning Appeals
Commissioners Court – 2nd Floor DeKalb County Court House
February 10, 2020
6:00 PM

- 1. Roll call
- 2. Election of Officers:
 - Chairman
 - Vice Chairman
 - Secretary
- 3. Approval of Minutes: December 9, 2019
- 4. Old Business:

None

5. New Business:

<u>Petition #20-01</u> – Tillman Infrastructure by Faulk & Foster Real Estate, Inc. is requesting a Use Variance to allow for a new telecommunications tower. The property is located on County Road 55, approximately 2600 feet south of the intersection of County Road 64 & County Road 55, Spencerville, Indiana and is zoned A2 – Agricultural.

- 6. Reports of Planning Staff, Officers and/or Committees
- 7. Communications
- 8. Adjournment

Next Meeting: March 9, 2020

If you cannot attend, please contact Isabella Mowan: imowan@co.dekalb.in.us or 260-925-1923

*PLEASE ENTER THROUGH THE NORTH DOOR OF COURTHOUSE LOCATED ON SEVENTH STREET.

**No cellphones, tablets, laptops or weapons permitted.

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FOR OFFICE USE ONLY
File Number: 12-17-19

Date Application Filed: _

Application for USE VARIANCE (Section 9.28)

This application must be completed and filed with the DeKalb County Department of Development Services in accordance with the meeting schedule.

APPLICANT INFO	RMATION					
Applicant's Name:	Tillman Infrastructure by Faulk & Foster Real Estate, Inc.					
Address:	420 Timberlea Drive # 6	420 Timberlea Drive # 60, Rochester Hills, MI 48309				
Telephone Number:	248-891-9214	E-Mail:	ben.herrick@faulkandfoster.com			
OWNER INFORMA	ATION (if different fro	m applicant infor	rmation)			
Owner's Name:	Eugene and Barbara Goldsmith					
Address:	4703 County Road 59, I	Butler IN 46721				
Telephone Number:	260-337-5347	E-Mail:	N/A			
REPRESENTATIVI	E INFORMATION (if	different from ap	oplicant information)			
Representative: Address:						
Telephone Number:	-	E-Mail:				
Zoning Classification	n of Property: A2					
	Property (if applicable)	: NA				
Address or common	description of property pencerville IN 46788, Parc	y:	1.000-021			
	property affected (or p		deed):			
Tillman Infrascarriers to be exhaustion of is being sough	est meet the needs of the cost of main	proving the telecomn community. In the p intaining equipment of wer is proposed to b	why: nunications network for various wireless resent case, the growth in usage and the on existing locations, a new antenna locatio est serve the needs of the wireless			
						

Please provide the following information to the best of you ability if it pertains to your petition to the BZA. All of this information should be located on the site plan as well.

A. Lighting (if any):

	1. Style:	Beacon lighting as required by FAA and FCC		
	2. Height: _	top of tower		
	3. Location: _			
В.	Signage (if any): 1. Dimensions: 2. Materials: 3. Placement: 4. Lighting:	Only FCC required signs are proposed.		
C	Hours of Operatio			
C.		elecommunication facility will be visited by technicians approximately 2-4 times		
n	Parking/Access (if			
D.	•	rking is required. One parking space is provided for technicians while on site.		
	Parking Class	ification (office use only)		
E.	Landscaping/Buffe Included.	er yards (if any):		
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F.	Number of Employ	yees (if any): Facility is unmanned.		
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D.	Will the strict application of the terms of the Unified Development Ordinance result in an unnecessary hardship if applied to the property for which the Use Variance is sought?				
	Yes (X) No ()				
	If the tower is not able to be located on this parcel, then the public at large will suffer. This tower will help to				
	maintain network objectives of AT&T and Verizon Wireless in a cost-effective manner.				
E.	Will the approval of this Use Variance request interfere substantially with the Comprehensive Plan?				
	Yes () No (X)				
	The approval of this tower would not affect the Comprehensive Plan at all because this project				
	does not change the nature of either the subject property or the surrounding parcels.				
belief, are petitioned	gnature, I acknowledge the above information and attached exhibits, to my knowledge and true and correct. I also give permission for the Zoning Administrator to enter onto the property for inspections and take photos for the public hearing.				
Applicant	's Signature:				
	(If signed by representative for applicant, state capacity)				
	Bejamin S. Herrick, Leasing and Zoning specialist				

Faulk & Foster Real Estate on behalf of Tillman Infrastructure, LLC

Network Real Estate 180 Washington Valley Rd. Bedminster, NJ 07921

September 10, 2019

To: DeKalb County

Department of Development Services

301 S Union St Auburn, IN 46706

Attn: Chris Gaumer

Director/Zoning Administrator

RE: Proposed Tillman Wireless Facility along County Road 55, Spencerville, IN 46788

Verizon's Statement of Economic Burden

To Whom It May Concern:

Please allow this letter to serve as evidence in the above-noted zoning matter, establishing the economic basis warranting approval of the pending application.

Verizon proposes to relocate its equipment from an existing wireless facility owned by SBA Communications to a proposed new tower owned and operated by Tillman Infrastructure and located along County Road 55, Spencerville, IN 46788 ("Tillman Tower"). Verizon will relocate to the Tillman Tower because the SBA tower is no longer viable from an economic standpoint.

The recurring fee (i.e. rent and other increases) assessed by SBA, which has escalated significantly from the starting figure provided in Verizon and SBA's original agreement, is excessive by today's standards in the industry and has rendered the status quo cost-prohibitive for Verizon. SBA's inflated license fee derives from an outdated real estate model that does not reflect terms and conditions that wireless providers are getting with other tower companies today. Continuing to pay excessive fees for use of the SBA tower is not a financially sustainable model for Verizon. To continue improving our cellular coverage and capacity in a financially sustainable way, Verizon must fundamentally change its tower strategy.

SBA's monthly fees are typically between 30% and 40% higher than Tillman's. SBA's prices automatically escalate on average between 3-4 % per year, whereas Tillman has no escalation for fifteen (15) years. Tillman's prices are all-inclusive, whereas SBA charges additional fees for almost every added or replaced piece of equipment. Tillman's new tower would immediately offer dedicated space to accommodate Verizon's needs for many years.



Network Real Estate 180 Washington Valley Rd. Bedminster, NJ 07921

Corporate-level negotiations, aimed at reducing SBA rents and updating their leasing model, have not accomplished their intended objective. Relocation to the Tillman tower will result in a significant reduction in Verizon's recurring license fee. This allows for additional investment into our network and increases our ability to continuously improve the wireless experience for our customers. If DeKalb County approves the new Tillman tower, as we request, Verizon has committed to relocating onto this tower.

For these reasons, Verizon requests your approval to relocate from our current facility to obtain relief from SBA's excessive fees, facilitating our ability to continue to improve wireless service and to upgrade our network, for the benefit of the entire community.

Sincerely,

Margaret Salemi

Director,

Network Engineering and Operations

Verizon Wireless



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On September 10, 20 19 before me, Andrea Stefanski, Notary Public in and for said County, personally appeared Margaret Salemi, [signer/witness] who has/have satisfactorily identified him/her/themselves as the signer(s) or witness(es) to the above referenced document.

(Affix Notary Stamp Here)

(Ldxoa ferfenski Notary Public Signature My Commission Expires: 02/04/2024

ANDREA STEFANSKI NOTARY PUBLIC OF NEW JERSEY Comm. # 60096346 My Commission Expires 244/2024





PROJECT:

SITE NAME:

PARCEL #:

SITE TYPE:

SUBMITTAL:

SITE CASCADE:

SITE ADDRESS:

NEW SITE BUILD GOLDSMITH

TI-OPP-15811

ALONG COUNTY ROAD 55

SPENCERVILLE, IN 46788 DEKALB COUNTY

11-11-29-426-001

250'-0" SELF-SUPPORT

ZONING DRAWINGS

VICINITY MAP:



AERIAL MAP:



PROJECT INFORMATION:

SITE ADDRESS:

ALONG COUNTY ROAD 55 SPENCERVILLE, IN 46788 **DEKALB COUNTY**

SITE COORDINATES:

LATITUDE: N 41° 17' 24.28" (41.290079°) LONGITUDE: W 84° 55' 31.86" (-84.925518°)

MUNICIPAL ID:

PARCEL ID: #11-11-29-426-001 ZONE: A2 - AGRICULTURAL

PROPERTY OWNER:

EARL AND BARBARA GOLDSMITH ALONG COUNTY ROAD 55 SPENCERVILLE, IN 46788

A&E FIRM

RAMAKER & ASSOCIATES, INC. 855 COMMUNITY DRIVE SAUK CITY, WI 53583 **CONTACT: JAMES KAISER** EMAIL: JKAISER@RAMAKER.COM PHONE: (608) 643-4100

SITE ACQUISITION

FAULK & FOSTER NORTHWEST REGIONAL OFFICE 678 FRONT AVENUE NW, SUITE 215 GRAND RAPIDS MI 49504 PHONE: 248.891.9214 FAX: 616.647.8614 **CONTACT: BEN HERRICK**

APPLICANT

TILLMAN INFRASTRUCTURE LLC 152 W. 57TH STREET, 8TH FLOOR, NEW YORK, NY, 10019 PHONE: 646.578.8394

APPROVALS:

CONSTRUCTION MANAGER:	
SITE ACQUISITION:	
LANDLORD:	

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Z-3	TOWER ELEVATION
Z-4	SITE SIGNAGE DETAIL S
Z-5	LANDSCAPE DETAILS
Z-6	FENCE DETAILS

CODE COMPLIANCE:

ALL WORK SHALL BE PERFORMED AND MATERIALS INSTALLED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CURRENT EDITIONS OF THE FOLLOWING CODES AS ADOPTED BY THE LOCAL GOVERNING AUTHORITIES. NOTHING IN THESE PLANS IS TO BE CONSTRUED TO PERMIT WORK NOT CONFORMING TO THESE CODES.

- 1. 2015 INTERNATIONAL BUILDING CODE
- INTERNATIONAL MECHANICAL CODE
- ANSI/TIA-222 STRUCTURAL STANDARD NFPA 780 - LIGHTNING PROTECTION CODE
- UNIFORM PLUMBING CODE NATIONAL ELECTRICAL CODE





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hereby certify that this plan, specification, or report was pre me or under my direct supervision and that I am a duly Li



C 01/23/20 REVISED ZONING DRAWINGS B 12/02/19 REVISED ZONING DRAWINGS A 11/26/19 REVISED ZONING DRAWINGS

ISSUE ZONING DRAWINGS DATE 09/24/2019

TI-OPP-15811 CANDIDATE (A)

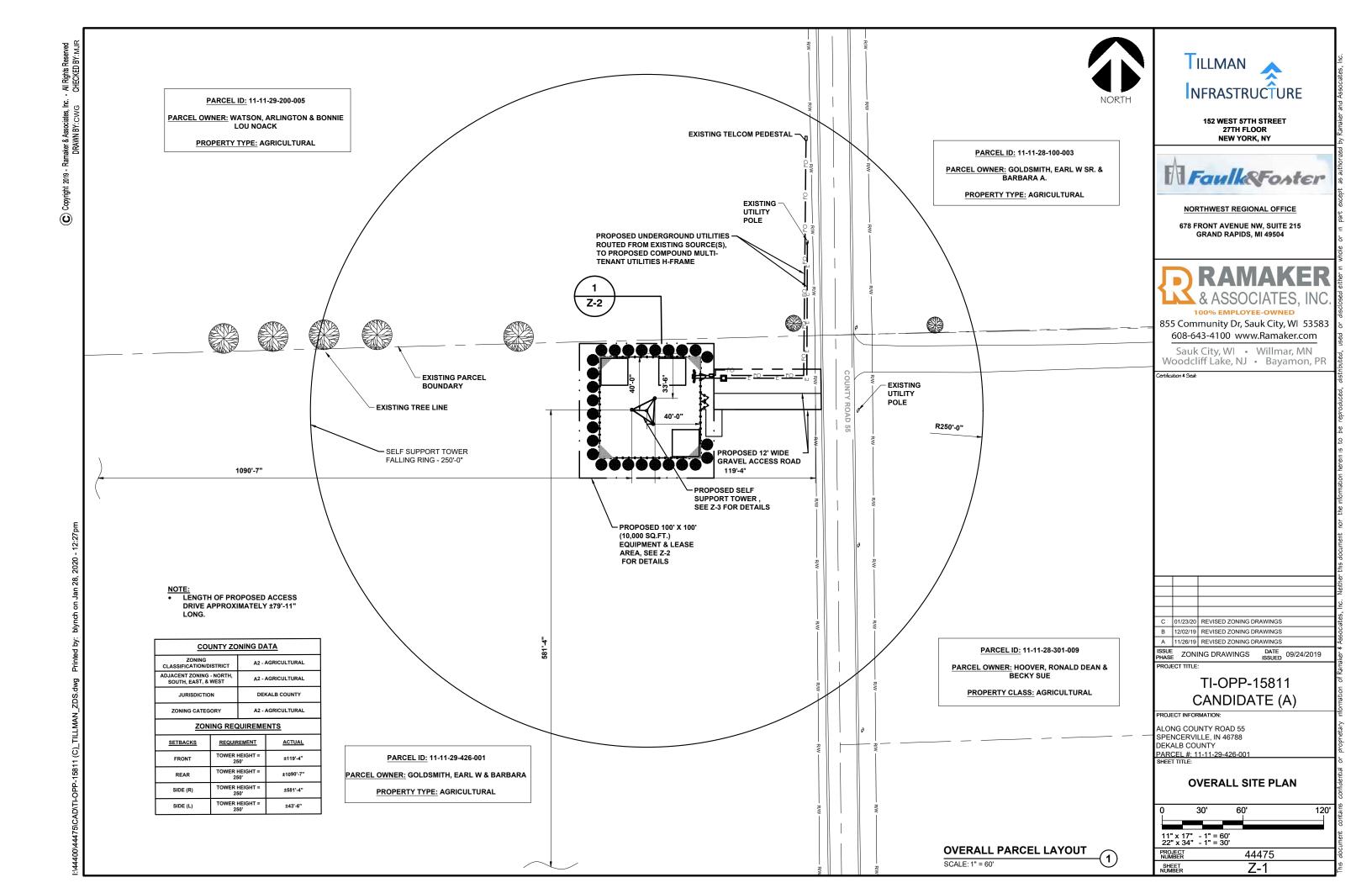
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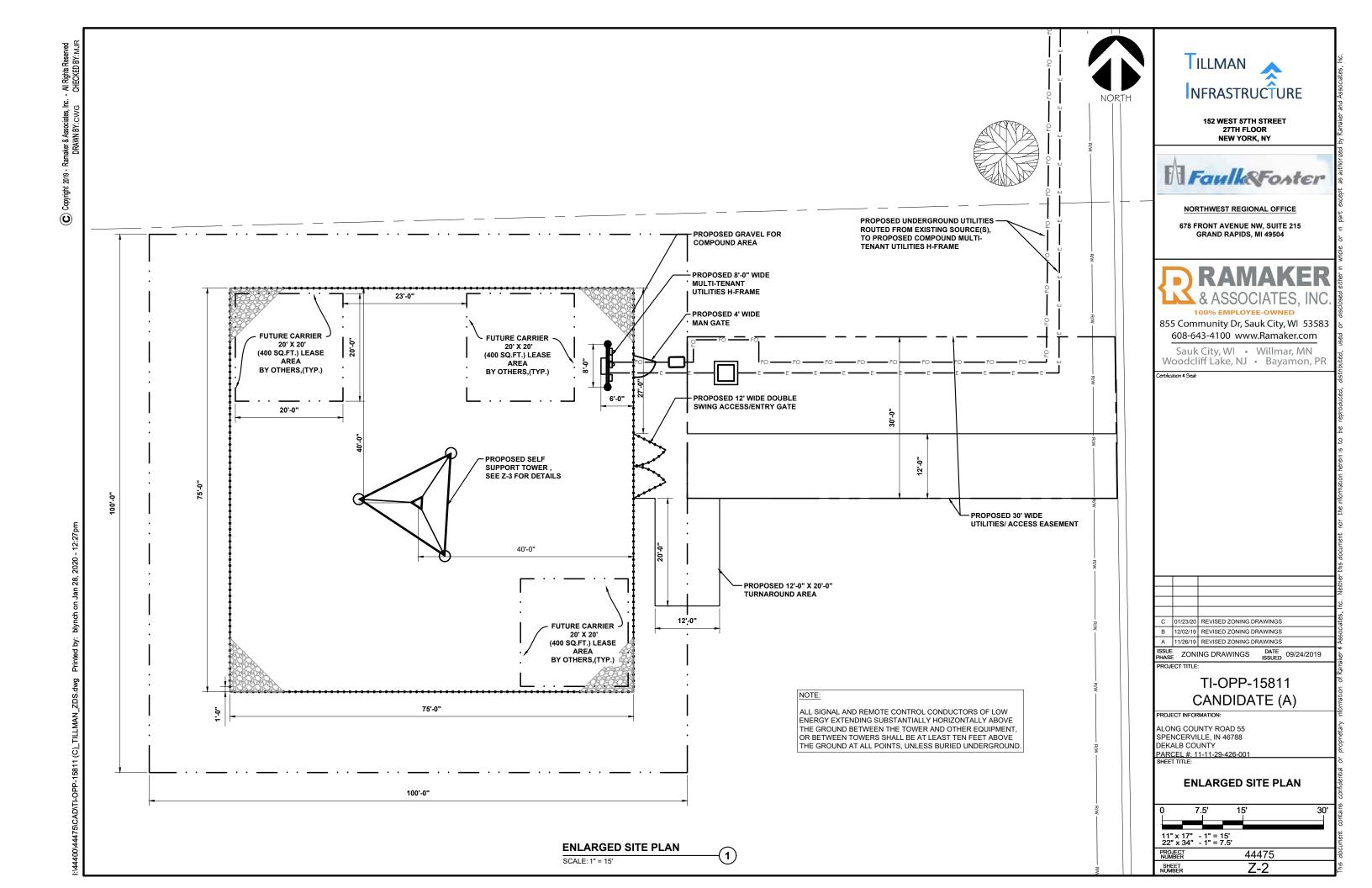
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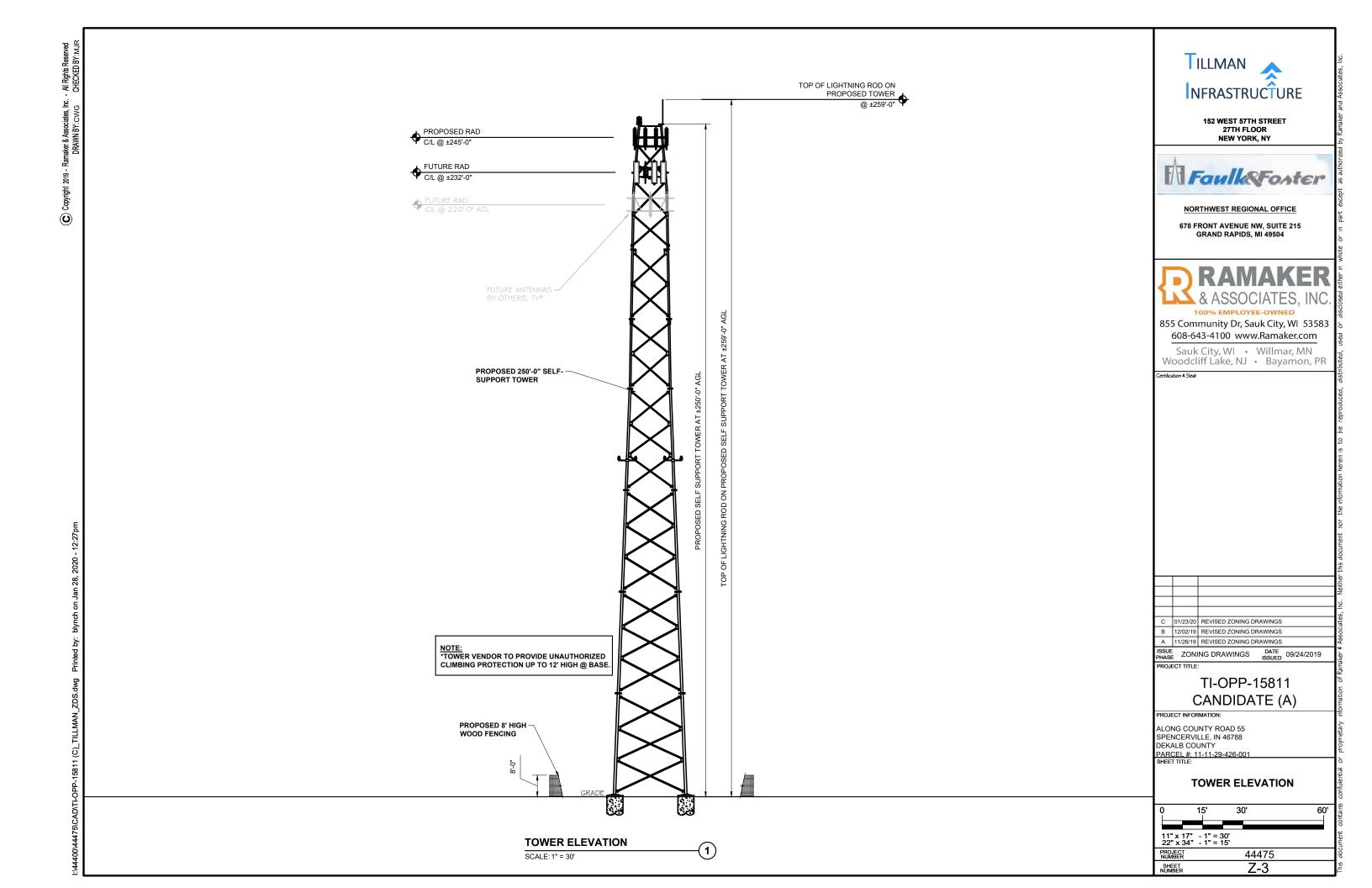
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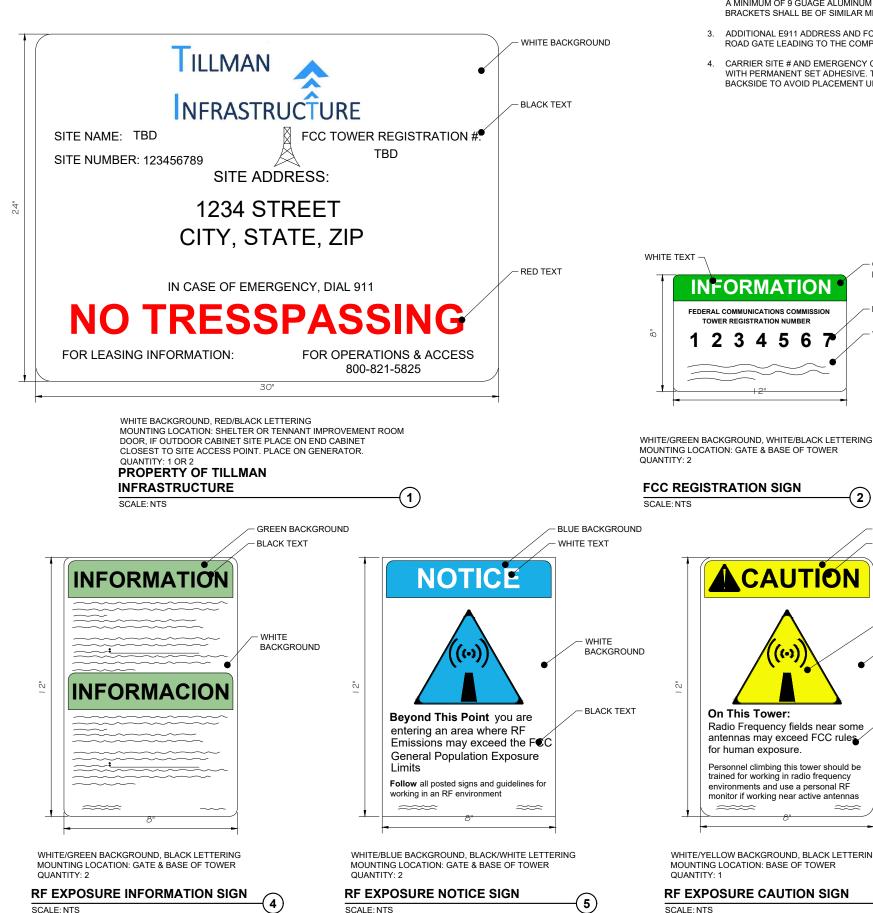
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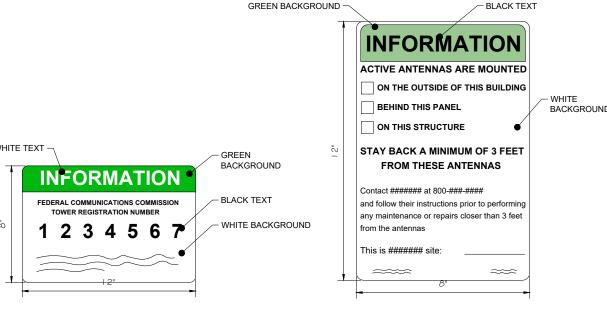
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RF EXPOSURE CAUTION SIGN

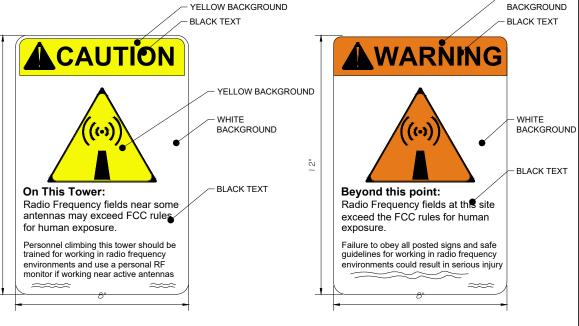
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- 2. SIGNS (EXCEPT WHERE NOTED OTHERWISE) SHALL BE MOUNTED TO THE TOWER, GATE & FENCE USING A MINIMUM OF 9 GUAGE ALUMINUM WIRE HOG RINGS (FENCE) OR BRACKETS, WHERE NECESSARY, BRACKETS SHALL BE OF SIMILAR METALS AS THE STRUCTURE TO AVOID GALVANIC CORROSION
- 3. ADDITIONAL E911 ADDRESS AND FCC REGISTRATION SIGNS SHALL BE MOUNTED AT EACH ACCESS ROAD GATE LEADING TO THE COMPOUND ASS WELL AS ON THE COMPOUND GATE ITSELF
- CARRIER SITE # AND EMERGENCY CONTACT SIGNS SHALL BE MOUNTED ON THE EQUIPMENT CABINET WITH PERMANENT SET ADHESIVE. TWO SIDED TAPE SHALL BE APPLIED AT EACH CORNER OF THE BACKSIDE TO AVOID PLACEMENT UNTIL THE ADHESIVE SETS



WHITE/GREEN BACKGROUND, BLACK LETTERING MOUNTING LOCATION: GATE & BASE OF TOWER QUANTITY: 2





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WHITE/RED BACKGROUND, BLACK LETTERING MOUNTING LOCATION: GATE & BASE OF TOWER QUANTITY: 2

RF EXPOSURE WARNING SIGN SCALE: NTS

TILLMAN **INFRASTRUCTURE**

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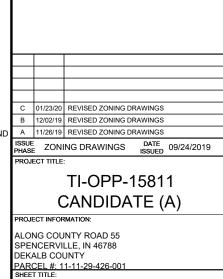
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SCALE: NONE

SHEET

44475 PROJECT NUMBER

SITE SIGNAGE DETAILS

7-4

Z-5

4x4 WOOD

POSTS, 8' O.C.,



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Certification \$ Seal:

С	01/23/20	REVISED ZONING D	RAWINGS		
В	12/02/19	REVISED ZONING D	RAWINGS		
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TI-OPP-15811 CANDIDATE (A)

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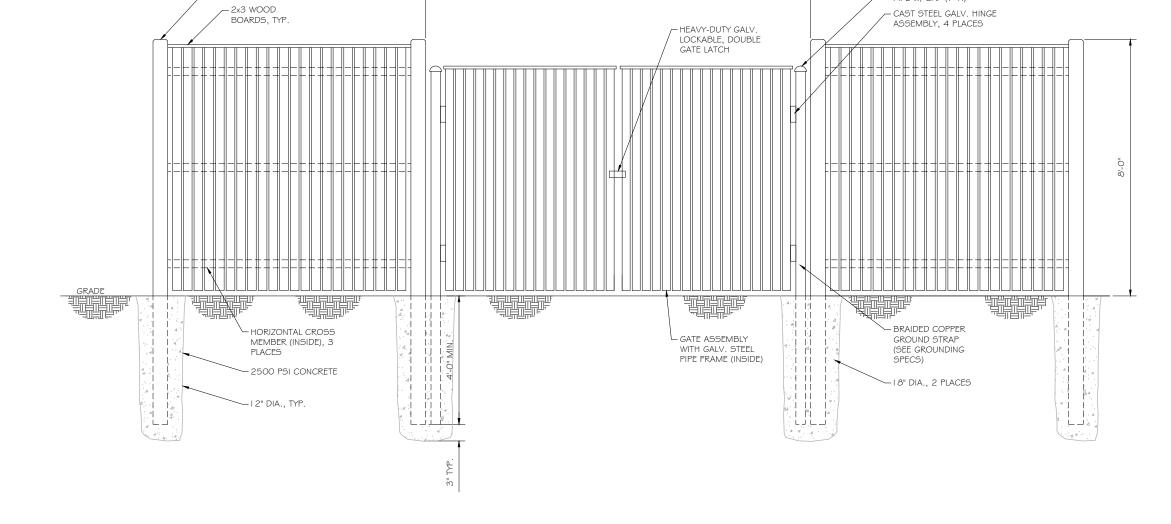
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FENCE DETAILS

SCALE: NONE

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SHEET Z-6



GATE OPENING | 2'-0"

(VERIFY WITH SITE PLAN)

- 3½" SCH 40 GALV. STEEL PIPE W/ CAP (7' H)

