



August 15, 2017

Office of the Planning and Zoning Commission  
400 S. Eagle Street  
Naperville Illinois 60540

Subject: Monopole Tower Construction, Springbrook Golf Course, Petition Case # 17-1-070

We have received notice that Central States III, LLC and Verizon Wireless intends to construct a 130' monopole tower on the northeast corner of Springbrook Golf Course, 2220 W.83<sup>rd</sup> Street, PIN 07-34-400-002.

The residents of Naper Aero Estates and the Naper Aero Club, Inc. Board of Directors wish to express our ***empathic opposition to this plan***. The location of the tower will ***directly impinge upon the airport traffic pattern areas*** – specifically the downwind approach leg for Runways 18 and 27 as well as the base approach leg for Runway 27 and cross wind leg for Runway 18.

***The location of this tower would present a significant hazard to operating aircraft and – in the event of a collision – also to any people, homes or structures in the vicinity of the tower on the ground. This tower must NOT be constructed at this site.***

Honestly, we do not understand how it is possible that this location would even be considered and view such intent as irresponsible, reckless and inconsiderate of the needs of the community.

It is our intent to engage the FAA and the Illinois Department of Transportation to help prevent this unsafe obstacle from being constructed. As well, our residents will oppose this measure every step of the way. We will most certainly be represented at the meeting on September 6<sup>th</sup>.

Michael J. Pastore

President, Naper Aero Board of Directors  
Certificated Flight Instructor, FAA Safety Team Representative

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Cc: Ray Shinkle; Insite RE, Inc.

## Mattingly, Gabrielle

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**From:** Ray Shinkle [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, August 21, 2017 12:34 PM  
**To:** Mattingly, Gabrielle  
**Subject:** FW: Monopole IL-00-5715 Construction, Naper Aero Airport (CST/VZW Springbrook GC)  
**Attachments:** AC\_70\_7460-1L\_.pdf; 2017-AGL-9015-OE.PDF

FYI in connection with the voicemail I sent you.

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**From:** Mike Pastore [REDACTED]  
**Date:** Monday, August 21, 2017 at 11:46 AM  
**To:** Ray Shinkle [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Monopole IL-00-5715 Construction, Naper Aero Airport

Hello Ray,

Thanks for taking the time to talk to me today.

Confirming our conversation, based on Obstruction Evaluation 2017-ABL-9015-OE completed by the FAA on July 7, 2017, and on the FAA determination that the construction of the Monopole IL-00-5715 will not interfere with our visual or instrument approaches, we would like to retract our objection as previously submitted in my letter of August 15, 2017.

Installation of a light set at the top of the tower would be most beneficial and we greatly appreciate your offer to do so. Again, though not in direct line with any of our runways, the tower will be located under the airport traffic patterns for our runways 18 and 27. Having a set of lights on the tower would help ensure visual separation and enhance the safety of our operations.

Per FAA Advisory Circular AC 70-7460-1L (copy attached) the recommendation for tower lighting is given as follows:

**Paragraph 5.4 - Poles, Towers, and Similar Skeletal Structures.**

*The following standards apply to radio and television towers, supporting structures for overhead transmission lines, and similar structures.*

*1. Top-Mounted Obstruction Light.*

*a. Structures 150 Feet (46 m) AGL or Less. Two or more steady-burning red (L-810) lights should be installed in a manner to ensure an unobstructed view of one or more lights by a pilot.*

Figure A-6, Pg A-7 provides some further information in this regard.

Accordingly, we recommend installation of Qty (2) low intensity, steady-burning red L-810 style lights. Here is a link for a vendor that we have used for our airport lighting supplies which I think you would find satisfactory:

<http://www.flightlight.com/airportlighting/5.3/5.3.html>

Thank you again for your assistance. If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Best Regards,

Michael Pastore

President, Naper Aero Board of Directors

Certificated Flight Instructor, FAA Safety Team Representative





**Forest Preserve District  
of DuPage County**

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August 31, 2017

Kamala Martinez, Chairman  
Naperville Plan Commission  
City of Naperville  
400 S. Eagle Street  
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Re: Public Hearing – Case #17-1-070  
2220 W. 83<sup>rd</sup> Street  
PIN 07-34-400-002

Dear Ms. Martinez,

The Forest Preserve District of DuPage County recently received a Notice of Public Hearing regarding a petition filed by Verizon Wireless & Central States Tower III LLC for a Conditional Use Permit. We appreciate receiving timely notification of such requests that may have an impact on Forest Preserve District property, and thank you for the opportunity to comment.

The Forest Preserve District owns property known as Springbrook Prairie Forest Preserve which is located across the street from the subject property (to the North and to the East). Forest Preserve District staff have reviewed the Public Notice and has the following comments.

The proposed cell tower is planned in close proximity to Springbrook Prairie Forest Preserve. Springbrook Prairie is one of the largest grassland communities in DuPage County comprising approximately 1,800 acres. Due to its size and community composition of tall and short grass prairies, wetlands and wet prairies, and remnant calcareous fens, it is home to many significant bird species. Raptors, such as Northern Harriers (Illinois State Endangered), Short-eared owls (Illinois State Endangered), and Long-eared owls are found here. In addition, numerous grassland and marsh birds utilize the preserve on an annual basis, including Henslow's sparrows, savannah sparrows, dickcissels, meadowlarks, Virginia rails, American coots, and Pied-billed grebes. There are also hundreds of waterfowl that migrate through every year.

All native migratory birds (e.g., waterfowl, shorebirds, songbirds, hawks, owls, vultures, falcons) are afforded protection under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act of 1918. Migratory birds are a federal trust resource responsibility, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) considers migratory bird concentration areas environmentally significant. The USFWS recommends communication towers should not be sited in or near known bird concentration areas.

Due to these high-quality wildlife resources, Springbrook Prairie Forest Preserve was designated as an "Important Birding Area" in Illinois by the National Audubon Society in 2010. More importantly, in 2013, Springbrook Prairie was protected as an Illinois Nature Preserve.

Over the years, the District has spent millions of taxpayer dollars in acquiring the Springbrook Prairie Forest Preserve and in restoring the preserve to its native grassland condition, with the specific purpose of having the preserve serve as a haven for native bird species. We are proud to say that the District has been extremely successful in achieving its goal, and Springbrook Prairie is now one of the largest and most important short grassland prairies not only in DuPage County, but in the entire Chicago region, attracting a wide variety of native birds.

Because of these valuable assets, the District is concerned about the placement of a new monopole in close proximity to the preserve. The USFWS recommends any proposal to construct a new communication tower should consider collocating the communication equipment on an existing communication tower. Depending on tower load factors, 6 to 10 providers may collocate on an existing tower.

Guidance and informative documents regarding siting of communication towers in relation to migratory birds can be found at <https://www.fws.gov/birds/management/project-assessment-tools-and-guidance/guidance-documents/communication-towers.php>. We encourage the City and City Council to utilize these resources during their decision making process.

We hope you will allow us the opportunity to review and comment on any revisions to plans as this project moves forward. Please consider this as the Forest Preserve District's request that this letter be read and entered into the public record at the hearing on Wednesday, September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2017. If you have any questions, please contact me at [REDACTED]

Sincerely,



Ed Stevenson  
Executive Director

cc: Joseph Cantore, President  
Mary Lou Wehrli, Commissioner, District 5  
Dan Zinnen, Director of Resource Management and Development  
Ray McGury, Executive Director, Naperville Park District (via email: [REDACTED])  
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**Naperville Planning and Zoning Commission Meeting  
September 6, 2017**

**Public Hearing 17-697 Springbrook Golf Course Cell Tower Item #17-1-070**

**Written Comments of Joe Suchecki**

September 1, 2017

TO: Naperville Planning and Zoning Commission

FROM: Joe Suchecki

I am writing to strongly oppose the construction of a 130-ft. cell tower at the Springbrook Golf Course and ask that you vote against approving the conditional use permit as requested in this petition.

I am the long-time volunteer natural resources steward and bird monitor for the Forest Preserve District of DuPage County at Springbrook Prairie. Springbrook Prairie is directly adjacent to the proposed tower location, both to the east and to the north. Since 1994 I have volunteered my time to monitor and improve the natural habitats and ecology of Springbrook Prairie, and I have lead many volunteer work days and field trips for Naperville residents over the years.

For clarity purposes, while I am a DuPage County Forest Preserve District Volunteer, the following statements are my own and do not represent the position of the Forest Preserve District of DuPage County.

The petition to grant a conditional use permit for the construction of a cell tower at the corner of Book Road and 83<sup>rd</sup> Street should be denied for the following reasons:

1. The tower will have a negative impact on the use and enjoyment of Springbrook Prairie by creating a 130-foot tall eyesore literally on the boundary of the preserve. The wide-open spaces of Springbrook Prairie to the east and north of the proposed tower site are a unique resource. Because Springbrook Prairie is an open landscape, the tower will be visible from most of the preserve. In particular, the many hundreds of people who walk, run, and bike on the preserve's trail system each day or those who wander the preserve to enjoy nature would now see a viewscape dominated by the proposed cell tower just a couple hundred feet from the preserve's boundary.

Today, the closest tall structures to Springbrook Prairie are the utility poles on the north side of 75th street that are 110 feet tall –about 2 stories shorter than the proposed tower. On the south, there are no tall structures at all, and even the trees in the residential neighborhood or at the golf course are only about 40-50 ft. tall. As a result, the proposed cell tower will dominate the visual landscape and will clearly impact the now clear southern and western horizons at Springbrook.

This will – contrary to the petitioner’s statement – be injurious to the use and enjoyment of Springbrook Prairie. One of the unique aspects of Springbrook Prairie is its wide-open vistas – something not generally available anywhere else in Naperville. The petition neither acknowledges nor addresses the visual and scenic impact of the proposed tower on Springbrook Prairie or the surrounding residential areas.

2. Springbrook Prairie provides critical nesting and migratory habitat for many bird species including native grassland and prairie birds that are experiencing drastic population declines across the country. Springbrook Prairie has large and increasing populations of those birds and has been designated as an Important Bird Area of Regional Significance by the National Audubon Society as well as a State of Illinois Nature Preserve – a designation primarily based upon its unique bird populations.

Communications towers are estimated to kill several million birds per year due to collisions, particularly during migration when birds migrate at night. While the greatest impact on birds is from communications towers that are over 200-ft. tall that have guy wires, shorter towers also have the potential to increase bird strikes. Because the proposed tower is under 200-ft. and is of a monopole design, bird mortality is not likely to be significant but is not likely to be zero.

To address and lessen the impact of communications towers on bird mortality, The US Fish and Wildlife Service has established guidelines for siting such towers. The guidelines indicate that new towers should first be co-located at existing tower sites or within existing antenna farms and should not be lighted since steady lights increase bird collisions and mortality. Importantly and pertinent to the proposed tower, the guidelines state that communications towers should not be sited in or near wetlands, other known bird concentration areas (state or federal refuges, staging areas, rookeries), known migratory flyways, or in habitat of threatened or endangered species.

The proposed tower does not comply with those guidelines on three counts:

First, the proposed location is near a known concentration of birds – Springbrook Prairie - which is both a DuPage County Forest Preserve as well as an Illinois Nature Preserve.

Second, the proposed location is near wetlands. There are wetlands within Springbrook Prairie directly across Book Road to the east and 83<sup>rd</sup> Street to the north along Springbrook Creek.

Third, the proposed tower is located in a known nesting area for the Barn Owl – an Illinois-listed threatened species.

The proposed tower does not follow the Fish and Wildlife Service Guidelines and is too close to significant and important avian habitat. As a consequence, it should not be approved.

3. The proposed tower is not compatible with the surrounding current residential and recreational uses. The area surrounding the proposed location consists of residential neighborhoods to the south and southeast along 87<sup>th</sup> street and Aero Estates to the northwest, a golf course, and a forest and nature preserve. The introduction and installation of a 130-ft tower

with three antenna arrays is simply out of place in such a residential and natural setting. The proposed tower location is simply incompatible with the surrounding neighborhoods and would be totally out of place. It would tower above all current developments and vegetation in the area thereby having a negative impact on the existing uses of the area.

4. The petition does not address any potential health impacts from the proposed tower on workers at Springbrook Golf Course. The tower is located very close to the course's maintenance facility. When a similar cell tower was proposed for the fire station at 87<sup>th</sup> Street and Plainfield-Naperville Road, there was information on increased worker exposure from the cell tower – such information and analysis appears to be lacking in this petition.

5. The petition does not adequately address potential alternatives to the proposed location - other than to say there are none. I question why Verizon needs a 130-ft tower at this location as opposed to a 60-ft. tower. The latter would considerably mitigate both the visual and potential bird collision impacts of the tower. In a similar manner, what other locations on golf course property might be more suitable? Assuming that the Naperville Park District supports the construction of a cell tower on the golf course property, a location away from the edge of the property would make the tower less conspicuous as well as further away from important bird habitat and wetlands.

For all of the above reasons, the petitioner has not met the criteria established by the City for approval of a conditional use permit. The petition does not provide evidence that alternatives to the current plan do not exist, and the petition does not demonstrate that the proposed development is not injurious to the use and enjoyment of Springbrook Prairie. On the contrary, given the potential impacts on birds, the disruption of the viewscape by the introduction of an out-of-scale 150-ft tower that will be visible for miles, and a negative impact on the aesthetics of the neighborhood and Springbrook Prairie, I believe it is clear that the proposal is indeed injurious to the use and enjoyment of other property.

Quite simply, I ask for you to vote no on the proposed cell tower because large, ugly cell towers should not be placed in residential areas nor in our parks and natural areas.

Thank you for your consideration.

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VIA EMAIL: mattinglyg@naperville.il.us

September 5, 2017

Kamala Martinez, Chairman  
Naperville Planning Commission  
City of Naperville  
400 S. Eagle Street  
Naperville, IL 60540

RE: PC Case # 17-1-070  
Applicant's response to Mr. Joe Suchecki's 9/1/17 letter

Gabrielle Mattingly was kind enough to forward the letter from Mr. Suchecki where he stated many reasons he is opposed to our application for a new 130' communications facility at the Springbrook Golf Course. I felt it was important to respond in writing before the Planning Commission hearing on Wednesday night and address each one of his concerns:

1. **Mr. Suchecki feels the 130' monopole will have a detrimental impact on the surrounding Springbrook Forest Preserve since this will be the tallest structure in the immediate area.** As stated in our application, Verizon has shown a gap in their wireless service and since there are no existing structures in the area, a new tower is the only option. Seamless wireless service is an extremely important utility for the Naperville community. Wireless data usage is skyrocketing and a "must have" service for Naperville residents where they live, work and commute. Naperville emergency services also depend on Verizon wireless service for their communications and with over 70% of 911 calls being made from wireless phones, seamless wireless service has an important impact on the health and safety of the Naperville community. These types of towers exist throughout the city along DuPage River and other Forest Preserves in DuPage County. They are common among the city landscape and critical to meeting the public demand for wireless service.
2. **Mr. Suchecki claims the facility will be harmful to the Springbrook natural habitat.** We have a "no effect" approval from the US Fish and Wildlife for the neighboring Springbrook Forest Preserve. They reviewed our site on May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2017 and that approval is attached.
3. **Mr. Suchecki claims the proposed facility is not compatible with the surrounding residential and recreational uses.** The proposed facility is over 2,300 feet from the closest residence to the west and south. There are several towers in and around Naperville that are only a few hundred feet from residential, so we feel we have done an excellent

- job of locating a new site that meets the coverage objective while maintaining a long distance from the residences.
4. **Mr. Suchecki claims we are proposing a health hazard to the golf course workers.** Verizon's license is issued by the FCC and operates well below the permissible levels set by the FCC regarding RF exposure. There are countless examples of similar antenna sites currently on-air in Naperville where there are no health concerns. Edward Hospital and the Carillon just to name a few.
  5. **Mr. Suchecki claims we have not adequately eliminated other candidates and asked why we cannot propose a 60' tower versus 130'.** The RF statement and propagation maps show the need for improved coverage. Verizon needs the 130' height to meet the coverage objective and unfortunately, there are no existing structures in the area able to offer a collocation opportunity, so a new facility is our only option. Anything below 130' will shorten the signal range. We also need the 130' to provide collocation opportunities to future carriers at 115' and 105' centerlines. Anything lower hurts the chances of offering a viable solution. Both Verizon and the NPD felt the proposed location of the site is the best since it's located behind the maintenance shed and out of the way of the golfers. It is also the furthest point from the neighboring subdivisions to the west and south, which made the most sense.

I look forward to presenting and discussing this material and answering any of your questions on September 6<sup>th</sup>.

Sincerely,  
Ray Shinkle  
Ray Shinkle  
Insite RE, Inc.  
Authorized agent for Central States Tower and  
Verizon Wireless

Enclosures: USFW Approval

**Naperville City Council Meeting  
October 17, 2017**

**Public Hearing Regarding Proposed Cell Tower at Springbrook Golf Course  
PZC Case 17-1-10**

**Written Comments of Joe Suchecki**

October 6, 2017

TO: Naperville City Council

FROM: Joe Suchecki

I am writing to strongly oppose the construction of a 135-ft. cell tower at the Springbrook Golf Course and ask that you vote against approving the conditional use permit as requested in this petition.

I am the long-time volunteer natural resources steward and bird monitor for the Forest Preserve District of DuPage County at Springbrook Prairie. Springbrook Prairie is directly adjacent to the proposed tower location, both to the east and to the north. Since 1994 I have volunteered my time to monitor and improve the natural habitats and ecology of Springbrook Prairie, and I have lead many volunteer work days and field trips for Naperville residents over the years.

For clarity purposes, while I am a DuPage County Forest Preserve District Volunteer, the following statements are my own and do not represent the position of the Forest Preserve District of DuPage County.

The petition to grant a conditional use permit for the construction of a cell tower at the corner of Book Road and 83<sup>rd</sup> Street should be denied for the following reasons:

**1. The tower negatively impacts the use and enjoyment of Springbrook Prairie Forest Preserve, a dedicated Illinois Nature Preserve.**

The petitioner seeks to construct a 135-foot cell tower with external antenna arrays at the corner of Book Road and 83<sup>rd</sup> Street, which is directly adjacent to Springbrook Prairie Forest Preserve to the east and north. In fact, the proposed tower is placed to be as close to the preserve boundary as possible.

Springbrook Prairie is a unique natural resource that deserves special consideration and protection. At 1800 acres, Springbrook Prairie provides a vast open space for all to enjoy right in the middle of Naperville. Its unique resources, particularly its large bird populations, resulted in the State of Illinois designating it as an Illinois State Nature Preserve; a designation reserved for the state's most important natural areas. In fact, Springbrook Prairie is the second largest nature preserve in all of the Chicagoland area. It is also unique because it is such a large parcel

of continuous grassland/prairie habitat.

Because Springbrook Prairie is an open landscape, the proposed tower will be visible from most of the preserve. Today, the closest tall structures to Springbrook Prairie are the utility poles on the north side of 75th street that are 110 feet tall –about 2 stories shorter than the proposed tower. On the south, there are no tall structures at all, and even the trees in the residential neighborhood and at the golf course are only about 40-50 ft. tall. As a result, the proposed cell tower will dominate the visual landscape and will clearly impact the currently clear southern and western horizons at Springbrook Prairie

Springbrook Prairie’s wide-open vistas are something not generally available anywhere else in Naperville. For the many hundreds of people who walk, run, and bike on the preserve’s trail system each day - or those who wander the preserve to enjoy nature – their natural experience will be disrupted by the proposed cell tower that would literally “tower” 90 feet over and above the current vegetation and landscape and dominate the viewscape.

This will – contrary to the petitioner’s statement – be injurious to the use and enjoyment of adjacent lands - Springbrook Prairie. The petitioner neither acknowledges nor addresses the visual and scenic impact of the proposed tower on Springbrook Prairie or the surrounding residential areas.

**2. Neither the Park District nor the Petitioner have adequately considered alternatives to the proposed tower that could mitigate the impacts to Springbrook Prairie.**

The Park District and Petitioner have chosen a location that maximizes the impacts of the proposed tower on Springbrook Prairie. The proposed tower is literally as close to the north and east property lines of the golf course as possible, and therefore, as close to Springbrook Prairie as possible. The petition does not adequately address potential alternatives to the proposed location and tower configuration - other than to say there are none. A number of options are available.

- The tower could be moved away from Springbrook Prairie and located in the commercial areas along Route 59 or 75<sup>th</sup> Street. The petitioner has verbally indicated that they could not do that because of proximity to the runway at Aero Estates. However, there already are a set of very tall transmission towers at the corner of Route 59 and 75<sup>th</sup> Street. If those towers do not interfere with airport operations, then a cell tower near that location should not be an issue either.
- The tower could be moved away from Springbrook Prairie to the interior of the golf course. Assuming that the Park District supports the construction of a cell tower on their own golf course property, a location away from the very edge of the property would make the tower less conspicuous as well as removed from important bird habitat and wetlands. The golf course and Park District will benefit financially from the tower, so they should be willing to accept the visual impacts of the tower as opposed to maximizing those impacts on their neighbors.

- There is no evidence that the tower must be 135-ft to service the needs of Verizon. In fact, the proposed tower location is in a low area compared to some of the terrain to the south of the current location. Moving the tower south to the hill on golf course property to take advantage of the natural elevation gain should allow for a shorter tower structure which may mitigate the visual impacts on Springbrook Prairie and the general public.
- The petitioner has not considered alternative tower heights or configurations such as internal antenna arrays.

The bottom line is there are alternatives that would mitigate impacts to the adjacent Springbrook Prairie that have not been fully explored.

**3. The proposed cell tower does not adhere to guidelines adopted by the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service to mitigate impacts of communications towers on birds.**

Springbrook Prairie provides critical nesting and migratory habitat for many bird species including native grassland and prairie birds that are experiencing drastic population declines across the country. Springbrook Prairie has large and increasing populations of those birds and has been designated as an Important Bird Area of Regional Significance by the National Audubon Society as well as a State of Illinois Nature Preserve – a designation primarily based upon its unique bird populations.

Communications towers are estimated to kill several million birds per year due to collisions, particularly during migration when birds migrate at night. While the greatest impact on birds is from communications towers that are over 200-ft. tall that have guy wires, shorter towers also have the potential to increase bird strikes. Because the proposed tower is under 200-ft. and is of a monopole design, bird mortality is not likely to be high but is also not likely to be zero.

To address and reduce bird kills from communications towers, The US Fish and Wildlife Service has established guidelines for siting such towers. The guidelines indicate that new towers should first be co-located at existing tower sites or within existing antenna farms and should not be lighted since steady lights increase bird collisions and mortality. Importantly and pertinent to the proposed tower, the guidelines state that communications towers should not be sited in or near wetlands, other known bird concentration areas (state or federal refuges, staging areas, rookeries), known migratory flyways, or in habitat of threatened or endangered species.

The proposed tower does not comply with those guidelines on four counts:

- The proposed location is near (actually adjacent to) a known concentration of birds – Springbrook Prairie - which is both a DuPage County Forest Preserve as well as an Illinois Nature Preserve.
- The proposed location is near wetlands. There are wetlands within Springbrook Prairie directly across Book Road to the east and 83<sup>rd</sup> Street to the north along Springbrook Creek.

- The proposed tower is located near habitat for threatened and endangered birds. Springbrook Prairie Forest Preserve provides habitat for several Illinois-listed threatened and endangered birds.
- The proposed tower will be lighted. Despite not being required to do so by the FAA, the petitioner has proposed to light the tower with steady-burning red lights as an accommodation to Aero Estates. Many scientific studies have demonstrated that steady burning red light greatly increase bird strikes and mortality from communications towers, and the FCC has now mandated that new tall communications towers can no longer have steady burning red light but are required to have flashing lights which are much less harmful to birds – decreasing bird strikes by as much as 70%. The steady red lights increase the likelihood of bird mortality from the proposed tower.

The proposed tower is too close to significant and important avian habitat and does not follow the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service Guidelines to mitigate impacts to birds. As a consequence, the proposed tower should not be approved.

**4. The proposed tower is not compatible with the surrounding current residential and recreational uses.**

The area surrounding the proposed location consists of residential neighborhoods to the south and southeast along 87<sup>th</sup> street and Aero Estates to the northwest, a golf course, and a unique and significant forest and nature preserve. The installation of a 135-ft tower with three external antenna arrays is simply out of place in such a residential and natural setting. The proposed tower location is incompatible with the surrounding neighborhoods and is totally out of place with the surrounding environment. It would stick out 90 feet above all current developments and vegetation in the area, thereby having a very negative impact on neighbors and existing uses.

Given the proximity of the proposed tower to Springbrook Prairie - a unique natural resource and dedicated Illinois Nature Preserve - potential impacts on birds, the disruption of the viewscape by the introduction of an out-of-scale 135-ft tower that will be visible for miles, and a negative impact on the aesthetics of the neighborhood and Springbrook Prairie, I believe it is clear that the proposal is indeed injurious to the use and enjoyment of adjacent property. For that reason, the petitioner has not met the criteria established by the City of Naperville for approval of a conditional use permit. Further, the petition does not address viable alternatives that could reduce those impacts. The Park District, Forest Preserve District of DuPage County, and interested citizens should discuss those impacts and come up with an alternative proposal.

In conclusion, I ask for you to vote no on the proposed cell tower because large, ugly cell towers should not be placed in residential areas nor in our parks and natural areas.

Thank you for your consideration.

Joe Suchecki

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October 7, 2017

Naperville City Council  
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Naperville, IL 60540

**SUBJECT: Public Hearing Regarding Proposed Cell Tower at Springbrook Golf Course  
PZC Case 17-1-10**

Dear Council Members:

I am writing to urge you to oppose the construction of a cellphone tower at the Springbrook Golf Course and ask that you vote against approving the permit as requested in the petition.

The petition seeks to grant a permit for construction of a 135-foot cell tower at the corner of Book Road and 83rd Street which is adjacent to the Springbrook Prairie Forest Preserve. Springbrook Prairie is a unique natural resource that deserves special consideration and protection. At 1800 acres, Springbrook Prairie provides a vast open space for all to enjoy right in the middle of Naperville. Its unique resources, particularly its large bird populations, resulted in the State of Illinois designating it as an Illinois State Nature Preserve; a designation reserved for the state's most important natural areas. In fact, Springbrook Prairie is the second largest nature preserve in all of the Chicagoland area. It is also unique because it is such a large parcel of continuous grassland/prairie habitat.

Springbrook is an important resource for wildlife, particularly birds that both nest in the preserve as well as migratory birds that use it as an important resource. A 135 foot cell tower would pose an obstacle that would result in increased collisions and mortality for birds. The grassland birds nesting at Springbrook are one of the most significantly declining groups of birds in North America. The proposed location of this cell tower would have a definite adverse impact on breeding bird populations.

There are many potential sites in the area that would not be as deleterious to the birds and wildlife at Springbrook Prairie Forest Preserve. I encourage you to deny the approval of this permit and its proposed location.

Sincerely yours,

Ronald Skleney