

Cable and Telecommunications Advisory Committee
May 25, 2010 Minutes

1. Call to Order and Introductions.
The meeting was called to order at 7:35 pm by Chairman Abe Abramovich. Other members attending were Ron Comer, Bryan Smith and Jim Williams. Richard Krawczun represented Lawrence Township. There were no representatives from either Comcast or Verizon.
2. Approval of Agenda.
The agenda for this meeting was approved.
3. Appointment of Secretary for this Meeting.
Jim Williams was appointed secretary for the meeting.
4. Review and Approval of Minutes of the March 23, 2010 Meeting.
The Minutes for the March 23 2010 meeting were approved.
5. Government Access Channel initiative
 - a. Status of policy/ordinance draft document revision
Mr. Krawczun made some suggestions for changes in the draft as follows:
POLICY STATEMENT: Should end with "recommendations of the Government Channel Committee".
ACCESS PRIORITIES: Add "Content to be reviewed and subject to approval of the Government Channel Committee".
EDITING POLICY: Should read "The Government Channel Committee shall have editorial control of all content on the channel".
GOVERNMENT CHANNEL COMMITTEE: "The committee shall consist of four persons; the Mayor or the Mayor's designee, the Township Manager, a member of the Township Council and the Township Attorney".
6. Communications.
 - a. Comcast
 1. Notice of 4-8-2010 re: Digital service – need for authenticating device.
 2. Notice of 4-8-2010 re: Revisions to Comcast service options.
 - b. Verizon
 1. Notice of 5-3-2010: Additions/changes to HD channel lineup.
 2. Notice of 5-3-2010: Channel lineup changes in various service options

There were two notices from both Comcast and Verizon regarding service options, changes in channel lineup and digital service equipment but since neither company had a representative available, and therefore no action was taken.
7. Public Comments.
 - a. On April 20th, Jeffery Jones of the Manors Housing Development reported that since March 30th there have been intermittent or complete disruptions of Comcast service for extended periods of time. His main concern was that his disabled wife can't deploy her Lifeline Signaler because of the on-and-off phone service. Calls to 800-COMCAST have not been effective in restoring reliable service. The matter was referred to Kathy Farinaccio for urgent resolution. The

resolution involved replacement of damaged exterior trunk line as well as damaged interior connections. The issue was completely resolved by April 24th. The Comcast representative, Kathy Farinaccio, did not attend this meeting.

- b. Mary KcKittrick of Tracy Drive reported that the “manhole cover” from a Verizon FiOS in-ground junction box has been missing for months, and was concerned that someone would be hurt. Her attempts to have Verizon replace the cover were unsuccessful. The matter was referred to Anna Lustenberg. Confirmation that the cover was ultimately replaced was never received from Ms. Lustenberg, although it is believed that it was. The Verizon representative, Anna Lustenberg, did not attend this meeting.
- c. Mr. Joshi Lenin, a new Lawrence Township resident contacted the committee through the township’s website to express his concerns that in his locations service could only be obtained from Comcast, and that there were no other competitors to choose from. Mr. Abramovich responded, via email, to Mr. Lenin’s concerns (attached). Mr. Lenin did not respond to Mr. Abramovich’s email. No further action taken. Item was closed.

8. Old Business Relating to Comcast.

- a. Status of plans to add additional channels.

- 1. New York HDTV Channels

- The Comcast representative, Kathy Farinaccio, did not attend this meeting.

9. New Business relating to Verizon

None

10. Other New Business

Jim Williams showed a 3 minute tape on DVCAM shot at the last Community Day as an example of what could be done very quickly and edited down to one minute or 30 seconds for use on the web site.

11. Date and time of next meeting

The next meeting was tentatively set for July 6 at 7:30 pm.

12. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.