

Rules for Public Testimony at Village of Barrington Hills Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting regarding American Tower Corporation's application for a Special Use Permit for a Telecommunications Tower at 254 Bateman Road

- With respect to applications for Special Use Permits, the ZBA acts in a fact-finding role in order to make a recommendation to the Village Board of Trustees to grant or deny the special use.
- The Village Board alone makes the final decision to grant or deny a special use.
- The Applicant and all other interested persons are afforded minimal due process rights in a public hearing on an application for a special use. All members of the public are invited to speak before the ZBA to express their opinion regarding the pending special use permit application.
- All expert and lay witnesses that speak or intend to speak at the public hearing shall be sworn in prior to addressing the ZBA. Each witness shall identify themselves prior speaking "on the record".
- Prior to presenting testimony, expert witnesses must provide the ZBA with a curriculum vitae establishing their credentials as an expert and shall advise the ZBA of the area of expert testimony that they intend to testify about. The ZBA Chairman shall determine if the expert witness is qualified to present expert testimony.
- The Applicant and/or the Applicant's lay and expert witnesses shall present direct testimony first. Following cross-examination of the applicant witnesses, the general public may present direct testimony. Each witness may be cross-examined in accordance with these guidelines.
- Direct testimony of lay witnesses shall be limited to ten (10) minutes per person and cross examination of lay witnesses shall be limited to five (5) minutes per cross-examiner. Any person wishing to cross-examine a lay witness shall first allege some special interest to the application at hand beyond that of the general public. A lay witness may not be cross-examined by more that three (3) lay witnesses and three (3) expert witnesses. The

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- Direct testimony of expert witnesses shall be limited to twenty (20) minutes per person. Cross-examination of an expert witness shall be limited to ten (10) minutes per cross-examiner. Cross-examination of any one expert witness may not exceed one (1) hour in length. The ZBA Chairman shall have the authority to increase the time limits and the number of witnesses where appropriate.
- The ZBA Chairman shall have the authority to limit repetitious, irrelevant or immaterial testimony from any witness. The ZBA Chairman shall rule on all questions related to the admissibility of evidence, which ruling may be overruled by a majority of a least a quorum of the ZBA.
- Any member of the ZBA may make a motion to adjourn the meeting at any time after 10:30 p.m.