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Forks officials plan trip to park to check out proposed tower site

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FORKS TWP. | Supervisors plan to take a field trip to the township park before their next meeting to scope out the proposed location of a T-Mobile signaling tower.

The cell phone carrier wants to put a 150-foot signaling tower on a tract of land that straddles township property and property at the old Laneco building off Sullivan Trail.

Township Supervisor C. David Howell spoke out against the tower at a meeting Thursday, saying he doesn't want a cell tower on township land.

"This is a totally inappropriate use of public land," Howell said. "It's an eyesore."

Supervisor Donald Miller said supervisors should consider the proposal on township property even if they think it will be unattractive because it could be put on private property near the same location and still be an eyesore, but the township wouldn't receive any money.

T-Mobile originally requested a \$10,000-a-year lease with the township for the 25-by-30 foot tract. That price could be negotiated.

Howell also questioned how the tower might devalue the old Laneco property.

"You could think of it as a big ugly tree," Howell said of the tower.

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