

Telecommunications Commission

Wednesday, September 21, 2011 – 7:00 P.M.

Community Room – Brecksville City Hall

Members Present: Jim Steiger, Jack Shott, Rex Mack, Darryl Mancini

Members Absent: Joe Fleming, Neal Hazen

Others Present: Kevin Lynch, AT&T

The meeting began at 7:00 p.m. with the pledge of allegiance. Roll was called with two members absent. The first order of business was the approval of the minutes from the May 18th, 2011 meeting. Motion to approve by Rex Mack. Seconded by Darryl Mancini. All were in favor.

New Business

Council Representative Rex Mack gave a brief update on some of the upcoming events in the City, such as the dedication of the Obelisk in front of City Hall and the scavenger hunt to be held in the Highland Cemetery. He also reported on the appointment of Mr. David Matty as the new Law Director for Brecksville.

Time Warner was the next topic of discussion which included a review of the franchise agreement and the new phone system they have implemented to include 11 digit extensions.

Kevin Lynch from AT&T gave an update on the U-Verse peg channel. There have been some problems with the channel freezing up caused by the speed of the signal line. The City is using a DSL line versus a T1 line which would cost significantly more on a monthly basis. At this time since there have been no complaints from residents viewing the peg channel, the Commission agreed it would be best to wait before upgrading the line.

Customer Complaints

Jack Shott received one call from a resident regarding cable lines that were on left on the ground for two weeks. Jack contacted Time Warner and the situation was resolved. There were no other complaints.

Open Forum

Darryl Mancini said a resident was inquiring about senior discounts from Time Warner. Jack Shott explained that cable is controlled by the state and that the City has nothing to do with pricing. Rex Mack asked Kevin Lynch if senior discounts were available through AT&T and Kevin replied that there were none. The Commission secretary will email Dorian Waller at Time Warner regarding senior discounts.

With no further business to discuss the meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m. Motion to adjourn by Rex Mack. Seconded by Jack Shott. The next meeting was set for Wednesday, December 21st, 2011.

Jim Steiger – Chairman

Tim Bender – Vice-Chairman

Joe Fleming – Secretary

Minutes prepared by recording secretary Christine Dubiel