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FAIR HAVEN – At the April 9 meeting of the borough governing body, Council President Thomas Gilmour announced that Salvatore Alfieri, the borough attorney, has been trying to get in touch with representatives from the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) to find out why the borough has not received a formal denial for the plan to swap land to build a cell tower in Fair Haven Fields.

Gilmour reported that the DEP has not given the borough an official denial of their request for a land swap that would add additional parkland to Fair Haven Fields in return for a 70 feet by 70 feet parcel of land to construct a cell tower on. Fair Haven Fields received Green Acres funding and cell towers are not a permitted use in Green Acres funded parks. Representatives from the borough received an unofficial denial of the application at the end of February. However, an official denial was never received.

“I’m annoyed, quite frankly, that the DEP has not given us a formal denial of our application,” Gilmour said. He said he was also frustrated that requests for the denial have not been answered. “The poor treatment that we have received from the DEP continues,” Gilmour said.

Gilmour also said that talks with the Christ Church United Methodist representatives to possibly acquire or lease land from the church for a cell tower are going well. “They are very receptive to continuing talks,” he said about the representatives from the church.

Gilmour said the council is considering a piece of property is in the southeastern part of the church’s property. The church owns five acres of property adjacent to Fair Haven Fields. The borough would need a 70 feet by 70 feet piece of property. “It’s a corner that’s actually in the woods,” Gilmour said.