

MANISTEE CITY PLANNING COMMISSION
70 MAPLE STREET
MANISTEE, MI 49660

MEETING MINUTES

JANUARY 17, 2002

A Special Meeting of the Manistee City Planning Commission was held on Thursday, January 17, 2002 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 70 Maple Street, Manistee, Michigan.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Greg Ferguson, Ray Fortier, David Kelley, Joyce Jeruzal, Phil Picardat, John Serocki and Roger Yoder

MEMBERS ABSENT: Bob Davis and Tony Slawinski

OTHERS : Jeff Mikula (Abonmarche), Jon Rose (Community Development) and Denise Mikula (City Staff)

Meeting was open at 7:04 p.m. by Chairman Roger Yoder

PUBLIC HEARING:

None

CITIZEN QUESTIONS AND CONCERNS:

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Planning Commission Meeting Minutes, January 3, 2002

MOTION by Ray Fortier, seconded by Joyce Jeruzal that the minutes of the January 3, 2002 Planning Commission Meeting be approved. Motion approved unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Committee Appointments

Committee Appointments were tabled at the January meeting. Normally at the January Meeting of the Planning Commission the Chairman makes committee appointments for the upcoming year. The current sub-committees of the Planning Commission are:

1. Joint Ordinance Review Committee (Executive Committee - consisting of Chair, Vice Chair & Secretary)
2. Historic Overlay Review Committee (3 members 1 alternate)
3. Zoning Board of Appeals (1 member)
4. Bike Trails (Citizen Committee - up to 3 members of the Planning Commission)

Chairman Yoder made appointments to the committees of the Planning Commission as follows:

1. Joint Ordinance Review Committee: Roger Yoder, Ray Fortier, and Joyce Jeruzal
2. Historic Overlay Review Committee: Ray Fortier, Dave Kelley, and John Serocki
Alternates: Bob Davis and Joyce Jeruzal
3. Zoning Board of Appeals: John Serocki
4. Bike Trails: Greg Ferguson, Jeff Mikula, and Phil Picardat

Motion to Amend Agenda

Motion by Ray Fortier, seconded by Joyce Jeruzal to amend the agenda as follows:

- Under unfinished business add - Suzanne Riley
- Under new business add - Steven Duchon and Cherry Street Update

Motion passed unanimously.

Suzanne Riley, 113 Maple Street

Jon Rose wanted clarification from the Planning Commission regarding condition #4 of the Special Use Permit issued to Suzanne Riley. Condition #4 on the Special Use Permit reads:

Handicap access will be located on the rear of the building.

Mr. Rose wanted to know if it was the intent of the Planning Commission to require a handicap ramp as a condition of the permit. Or if it was the intent the Planning Commission that IF required by the State Barrier Free Design Board, the handicap access would be located on the rear of the building.

After discussion it was the consensus of the Planning Commission that Condition #4 of the Special Use Permit would be required in the event the State Barrier Free Design Board were to require a handicap ramp on the building at 113 Maple Street.

Ms. Riley can proceed with her application for an exception.

NEW BUSINESS:

Steve Duchon, 376 Fifth Street

Jon Rose gave the Planning Commission members background information on an alley vacation that took place in the late 1800's for Block 18 of the Mark S. Tyson and Company Addition (Block located between Fourth and Fifth Street, north/south and Sycamore and Maple Streets east/west). Approximately ten years after the approval the City Clerk was unable to find the petition from the meeting, but did locate the minutes from the meeting approving the petition. State law says that a vacation needs to be filed with the Register of Deeds 30 days after approval. Even though the minutes were recorded at the Register of Deeds Office no petition was filed and this has created a title problem for Mr. Duchon.

Mr. Rose showed a City Map from 1933 which shows the alley vacation on Block 18 of the Mark S. Tyson and Company's Addition. Mr. Rose asked the Planning Commission if they would approve an affirmation of the vacation of the alley which would be forwarded to City Council for approval at their next meeting.

MOTION by Greg Ferguson, seconded by Joyce Jeruzal that the Planning Commission Approve and Affirmation of Vacation of the said alley Block 18 of the Mark S. Tyson and Company's Addition. Motion Approved Unanimously.

Cherry Street Update

Jeff Mikula, Abonmarche gave a presentation to the Planning Commission Members in regards to the construction work that will be done on Cherry Street from Twelfth Street to Merkey Road. This will continue the work done on Cherry Street from First Street to Twelfth Street excluding the center islands and curbs/sidewalks. The bike lane will be continued and the total road will be reconstructed. This is one of the worst roads within the City and has been in need of repair for years. A Grant from MDOT will assist in the costs.

Mr. Mikula also spoke about putting the curb cuts in place in the event that Twelfth Street were to be constructed from Tamarack Street to Cherry Street. Discussed the potential traffic problems that may arise with the New High School and the current roads leading to and from the building.

OTHER COMMUNICATIONS:

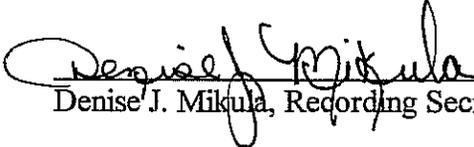
None

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION by Joyce Jeruzal, seconded by John Serocki that the meeting be adjourned. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

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Denise J. Mikula, Recording Secretary