

# MANISTEE CITY PLANNING COMMISSION

Meeting of Thursday, October 5, 2006  
7:00 p.m. - Council Chambers, City Hall, 70 Maple Street,  
Manistee, Michigan

## AGENDA

- I Roll Call
- II Public Hearing
  - 1. Narconon Stone Hawk - Special Use Permit for a Drug Education and Rehabilitation Facility.
- III Approval of Minutes
  - Planning Commission Meeting (9/7/06)
- IV New Business
  - 1. Narconon Stone Hawk - Special Use Permit for a Drug Education and Rehabilitation Facility.
  - 2. Michcon/DTE Energy - Determination by Planning Commission for fencing of above ground valves
  - 3.
- V Unfinished Business
  - 1. Sand Products Corporation - Request for Extension
  - 2.
- VI Other Communications
  - 1.
  - 2.
- VII Citizen Questions, Concerns and Consideration  
(Public Comment Procedures on the Reverse Side)
- VIII Work/Study Session
  - 1.
  - 2.
- IX. Adjournment

## Public Comment Procedures

The City of Manistee Planning Commission welcomes public comment in support of its decision-making process. To assure an orderly, fair and balanced process, the Planning Commission asks that participants at all public hearings and during the Public Comment portion of the meeting observe the following rule of procedure:

1. The Chairperson will recognize each speaker. When a speaker has the floor, he/she is not to be interrupted unless time has expired. Persons speaking without being recognized shall be out of order.
2. Each speaker shall state their name and address for the record and may present written comments for the record.
3. Speakers shall address all comments and questions to the Planning Commission.
4. Unless waived by the Planning Commission for a specific meeting or a specific speaker, public comment shall be limited to five (5) minutes per speaker, one time only. If a group of people wish to be heard on one subject, a spokesperson may be designated who may request that more than five (5) minutes be permitted for the collective comments of the group as presented by that speaker.
5. The Chairperson may request that repetitive comments be limited or abbreviated in the interest of saving time and allowing others to speak.
6. The Chairperson may establish additional rules of procedure for particular hearings as he/she determines appropriate.
7. Normal civil discourse and decorum is expected at all times. Applause, shouting, outbursts, demonstrations, name-calling or other provocative speech or behavior is not helpful to the decision-making process and may result in removal from the hearing or an adjournment.

Thank you for your interest in the work of the City of Manistee Planning Commission and for your cooperation with these rules of procedure.



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## MEMORANDUM

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TO: Planning Commissioners  
FROM: Denise Blakeslee   
DATE: September 26, 2006  
RE: October 5, 2006 Planning Commission Meeting

Commissioners, we have the following items on the October 5, 2006 Planning Commission meeting agenda:

1. **Narconon Stone Hawk - Special Use Permit for a Drug Education and Rehabilitation Facility.**

**Public Hearing:**

A Public Hearing has been scheduled in response to a request from Narconon Stone Hawk for a Drug Education and Rehabilitation Facility.

**New Business:**

The Planning Commission has been asked by the Zoning Administrator to determine if a Drug Education and Rehabilitation Facility is a Use Similar to Uses Permitted as Special Land Uses as provided for in Section 1886 of the City of Manistee Zoning Ordinance.

The Planning Commission will discuss the request from Narconon Stone Hawk for a Special Use Permit for a Drug Education and Rehabilitation Facility.

2. **Michcon/DTE Energy - Determination by Planning Commission for fencing of above ground valves.** The Planning Commission has received a request from Michcon/DTE Energy for approval for security fencing at their facilities throughout the community. This determination is provided for under Section 527 Essential Services fo the City of Manistee Zoning Ordinance.
3. **Sand Products Corporation - Request for Extension.** The Planning Commission did not take action at their meeting on September 7, 2006 on a request from Sand Products Corporation for an extension on the expiration period on their current PUD permit related to the Man Made Lake Project to a total period of three (3) years.

See you at the meeting, please call if you are unable to attend!

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## MEMORANDUM

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TO: Planning Commissioners

FROM: Jon R. Rose   
Community Development Director

DATE: September 28, 2006

RE: Narconon Stone Hawk  
Zoning Administrator's Recommendation  
Draft Resolutions

Commissioners, The Public Hearing for Narconon Stone Hawk is the first item on the October Agenda. Under the New Business Portion of the Meeting we have two items that will need to be discussed by the Planning Commission in regards to the request from Narconon.

### ZONING ADMINISTRATOR'S RECOMMENDATION

As discussed during the Worksession on Thursday, September 21, 2006 there are not standards in our Zoning Ordinance for a Drug Education and Rehabilitation Facility. Section 1886, Uses Similar to Uses Permitted as Special Land Uses, allows the Zoning Administrator to make a recommendation to Planning Commission if a proposed use is similar to one or more uses permit by Special Use Permit.

I believe the proposed Drug Education and Rehabilitation Facility is similar in use to both a *Nursing Home or Convalescent Home* (Section 1862) and an *Education Facility* (Section 1837). A Drug Education and Rehabilitation Facility has characteristics similar to a *Nursing Home or Convalescent Home* and an *Education Facility* in terms of trip generation and type of traffic (given the limited visitation and lack of student cars traffic & parking should be lower), parking and circulation, utility demands, environmental impacts, physical space needs, clientele and other off-site impacts.

Attached is a chart prepared by Ms. Blakeslee comparing the Regulations and Conditions for a *Nursing Home or Convalescent Home* and *Education Facility* as well as recommended requirements for a Drug Education and Rehabilitation Facility.

If the Planning Commission agrees with this recommendation we will need a motion such as the following. To determine that the proposed use is a "Use Similar".

That a Drug Education and Rehabilitation Facility is hereby determined to be a Use Similar to a Nursing Home or Convalescent Home and Education Facility.

## DRAFT RESOLUTIONS

Staff has been working on Draft Resolutions for approval or denial (attached) of the request from Narconon Stone Hawk. These are guides to help the Planning Commission make a determination on the request.

The Draft Resolution to Approve requires the Planning Commission to review the Findings of Fact to determine if the request meets the requirements of the ordinance. It also includes the Requirement language that was recommended by Staff for a Drug Education and Rehabilitation Facility. These requirements need to be reviewed by the Planning Commission in the event that approval is granted. There is also space to allow additional conditions that the Planning Commission deemed necessary to approve this request.

The Draft Resolution to Deny requires the Planning Commission to review the Findings of Fact to determine if the request meets the requirements of the ordinance. If requirements cannot be met then the Planning Commission needs to state the reason(s) for denial. If the Planning Commission were to deny there is no reason for the resolution to include the language for requirements or conditions so they are omitted from the document.

It is very helpful if motions or findings of fact are put in writing and given to Denise so that the wording is correct for the minutes and documents. She thanks you for this help in keeping the records.

JRR:djb

SECTION 1862 NURSING HOME OR CONVALESCENT HOME	SECTION 1837 EDUCATIONAL FACILITY	D R U G E D U C A T I O N A N D REHABILITATION FACILITY
B. Regulations and Conditions cont.	B. Regulations and Conditions cont.	B. Regulations and Conditions cont.
5. A Nursing Home located in the R-2 or R-3 districts shall front on and be accessed from a key street segment, as defined herein.	4. In the R-2 and R-3 districts, an Educational Facility shall front on and be accessed from a key street segment, as defined herein.	Continuation of a Legal Non-Conforming Use - Formerly a Nursing Home. <i>Not a Recommended Requirement</i>
4. All exterior lighting shall be in accordance with Section 525 hereof.	6. All exterior lighting shall be in accordance with Section 525 hereof.	3. All exterior lighting shall be in accordance with Section 525 hereof.
6. All signs shall be in compliance with the provisions of Article 21 of this Ordinance. <i>Type 2, Residential and Recreational Commercial (Nursing and Convalescent Home)</i> In the R3 Zoning District is allowed 4 sq. ft. of Cumulative Sign Area Wall or Ground Sign - External Lighting	7. All signs shall be in compliance with the provisions of Article 21 of this Ordinance. <i>Type 4, Institutional (Education Facility)</i> In the R3 Zoning District is allowed 32 sq. ft. of Cumulative Sign Area Wall, Window, Ground, or Marquee Sign - External or Internal Lighting	4. The Planning Commission has determined that a Drug Education and Rehabilitation Facility in the R-3 Zoning District is allowed ___ sq. ft. of Cumulative Sign Area (Wall, Window, Ground or Marquee Sign - External or Internal Lighting) LANGUAGE TO BE FINALIZED BY PLANNING COMMISSION
7. All offstreet parking shall be in compliance with Section 514 of this Ordinance.	8. All offstreet parking shall be in compliance with Section 514 of this Ordinance.	5. All offstreet parking shall be in compliance with Section 514 of this Ordinance.
8. Landscaping and Buffering shall be provided in accordance with Section 531 of this Zoning Ordinance.	9. Landscaping and Buffering shall be provided in accordance with Section 531 of this Zoning Ordinance.	6. Landscaping and Buffering shall be provided in accordance with Section 531 of this Zoning Ordinance.
	10. An Educational Facility that incorporates any gymnasium, theater, auditorium, or large meeting space meeting the definition of a Large Place of Public Assembly, it shall also comply with the requirements pertaining to Large Places of Public Assembly, Section 1868 herein.	Facility is not open to the public. <i>Not a Recommended Requirement</i>

City of Manistee  
Planning Commission Resolution of Approval  
Special Use Permit, Case Number PC-2006-13  
Narconon Stone Hawk

At a regularly scheduled meeting of the City of Manistee Planning Commission held on (Date of Meeting) , the following resolution was adopted pertaining to the request for a Special Use Permit for Narconon Stone Hawk for a Drug Education and Rehabilitation Facility as shown on Site Plan ( reference Site Plan #)

Planning Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_ moved, supported by Planning Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_, the adoption of the following resolution.

WHEREAS, the City of Manistee received an application for a Special Use Permit from Narconon Stone Hawk for a Special Use Permit for a Drug Education and Rehabilitation Facility on August 28, 2006, and

WHEREAS, proper notice was posted at City Hall, a letter was mailed to all owners and occupants with 300 feet of the proposed site on September 11, 2006, and an ad was placed in the Manistee News Advocate on September 13, 2006 inviting the public to the worksession on September 21, 2006 and the Public Hearing on October 5, 2006 in response to the request, and

WHEREAS, a Drug Education and Rehabilitation Facility is not classified in the City of Manistee Zoning Ordinance , and

WHEREAS, the Zoning Administrator made a recommendation that the request be considered under Section 1866 Uses Similar to Uses Permitted as Special Land Uses of the Zoning Ordinance, and

WHEREAS, The City of Manistee Planning Commission concurred with the recommendation of the Zoning Administrator that the requested use is a Use Similar to Uses Permitted as Special Land Use in the R-3 Zoning District at their meeting of (date of meeting), and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission has provided proper notice and held a public hearing on the proposed development on October 5, 2006, and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission has received written comment, reviewed the Site Plan, and has completed review of the application, and considered input from the applicant and the public at the public hearing, now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Planning Commission has reached the following determination regarding Special Use Permit Standards (Section 1802.A):

1. The Special Use shall be consistent with the adopted City of Manistee Master Plan.

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2. The Special Use shall be designed, constructed, operated and maintained to be consistent with the existing or intended character of the general vicinity and such use will not change the essential character of the area in which it is proposed.

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3. The Special Use shall not be hazardous or disturbing to existing or future uses in the same general vicinity and in the community as a whole.

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4. The Special Use shall be served adequately by essential public facilities and services, such as highways, streets, police and fire protection, storm water drainage, refuse disposal, water and sewage facilities, and schools; or persons or agencies responsible for the establishment of the proposed use shall provide adequately for such services.

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5. The Special Use shall not create excessive additional requirements at public cost for facilities and services and will not be detrimental to the economic welfare of the community.

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6. The Special Use shall not involve uses, activities, processes, materials and equipment or conditions of operation that will be detrimental to any person, property or general welfare by reason of excessive production of traffic, noise, vibration, smoke, toxic emissions, fumes, glare, or odors.

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7. The Special Use shall meet the intent and purpose of the Zoning Ordinance; be related to the standards established in the Ordinance for the land use or activity under consideration; and will be in compliance with these standards.

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Planning Commission Resolution of Denial  
Special Use Permit, Case Number PC-2006-13  
Narconon Stone Hawk

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WHEREAS, the Zoning Administrator made a recommendation that the request be considered under Section 1866 Uses Similar to Uses Permitted as Special Land Uses of the Zoning Ordinance, and

WHEREAS, The City of Manistee Planning Commission determined that the requested use is not a Use Similar to Uses Permitted as Special Land Use in the R-3 Zoning District at their meeting of (date of meeting), and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission has provided proper notice and held a public hearing on the proposed development on October 5, 2006, and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission has received written comment, reviewed the Site Plan, and has completed review of the application, Site input of the Applicant and the input received at said public hearing, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the Special Use Permit for the project as proposed by the Applicant be, and is hereby denied, with the following findings of fact:

1. The Special Use shall be consistent with the adopted City of Manistee Master Plan.

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## MEMORANDUM

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TO: Planning Commissioners  
FROM: Denise Blakeslee   
DATE: September 28, 2006  
RE: Narconon Stone Hawk - Public Comments

Commissioners, we have received the following correspondence to date in response to the Public Hearing Notice for Narconon Stone Hawk.

E-mail from Greg Beha received September 12, 2006

Letter from Dan Duchon received September 28, 2006

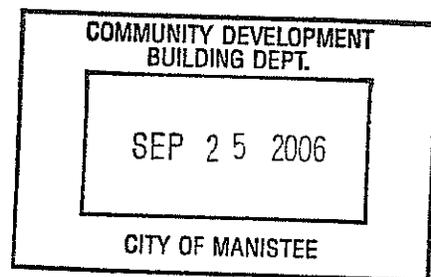
Letter from Lori Weslo-Walker received September 25, 2006

Letter from Lou Thierwechter received September 27, 2006

Thank you!

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RE: Proposed Narconon Rehab Facility

To: Mr. Jon Rose  
Community Development Director  
City of Manistee

Hello Mr. Rose,  
I'm not sure if I'll be able to make it to the public hearing on October 5, but I did want to make my concerns known. My main concern is safety. My second concern is that Wickstrom is being deceptive about Narconon's relationship with the Church of Scientology. I'll start with this concern first.

If Ms. Wickstrom can address these issues then that's fine. My feeling is that I don't want a group (Narconon) in the community that can't be above-board about their programs. Is Ms. Wickstrom basically lying about their connection to Scientology? She states in the newspaper article that they are not affiliated with Scientology. In my research, however, evidence strongly suggests otherwise. So why this deception? I guess it's because there is quite a bit of controversy over the Church of Scientology and some even think it could be a "cult". I'm actually more concerned with this deception rather than the fact that they might be involved with Scientology. Are they trying to hide something? Are they going to lie to us about other things? Following is why I think there IS an affiliation between Narconon and Scientology...

"In 1993, the Church of Scientology International (CSI) and the US Internal Revenue Service struck an agreement under which the Church gained tax exemption for itself and its subsidiaries and in return paid \$12.5m to cover the church's payroll, income and estate-tax bills for an undisclosed number of years prior to 1993, as well as discontinuing numerous lawsuits. THE TERMS OF THE AGREEMENT DID NOT BECOME PUBLIC UNTIL FOUR YEARS LATER, WHEN THEY WERE LEAKED TO THE *Wall Street Journal*. ACCORDING TO THE FORM 1023 STATEMENT WHICH CSI HAD TO SUBMIT TO THE IRS PRIOR TO THE AGREEMENT, NARCONON FORMS PART OF CSI'S "SOCIAL BETTERMENT PROGRAM":

Though Mr. Hubbard is best known for founding the religion of Scientology, he also authored very effective technologies for handling society's ills and bettering the lot of mankind as a whole. Over time these technologies have developed into four general social-betterment programs, each addressing a specific area of current social concern: Narconon, a drug rehabilitation program; ...

For many years CSI and other churches of Scientology have conducted highly-successful social reform programs based on Mr. Hubbard's technologies. They conducted these programs either directly or in close conjunction with charitable and educational organizations formed to help them bring Mr. Hubbard's technologies to the secular world.

The bulk of CSI's social betterment program is carried out under the supervision and direction of Association for Better Living and Education ... ABLE accomplishes its goals primarily by providing technical and financial assistance and general promotional support to the international social-betterment organizations that work in ABLE's four areas of concern: Narconon International (drug rehabilitation) ...

Shortly afterwards, CSI published a "Tax Compliance Manual" issued to Scientology missions and churches across the United States to instruct Scientologists on the requirements of the agreement with the IRS. It includes a passage on Narconon and the other "social betterment" organizations:

The SCIENTOLOGY charitable and educational institutions that the Internal Revenue Service has recognized as tax-exempt include Association for Better Living and Education, Narconon and Applied Scholastics and all Narconon centers and qualified schools that operate under the authority of Narconon and Applied Scholastics, The Way to Happiness Foundation, as well as the newly formed Hubbard College of Administration and its subordinate colleges. Narconon, Applied Scholastics and Hubbard College of Administration each have the authority to extend tax-exempt status to newly formed subordinate organizations.

**[Tax Compliance Manual, Church of Scientology International, 1993]**

Narconon and the Church of Scientology frequently play a verbal sleight of hand over the nature of this relationship: "Scientology" is often equated with "the Church of Scientology". Hence, Narconon insists that it is "corporately separate and distinct from the Church of Scientology" **[Clark Carr, President of Narconon International, letter to Carroll Star News, 7 June 2002]** and the Church says that "we don't have an organizational link [with Narconon]" **[Graeme Wilson, Director of Special Affairs, Church of Scientology UK, quoted in Finchley Advertiser, 14 January 1993]**. But the Church's own public documents demonstrate that "Scientology" means far more than just the Church. Scientology's trademarks are controlled and enforced by a separate corporation, the Religious Technology Center (RTC); its copyrights are held by another corporation, the Church of Spiritual Technology (CST); its publications are issued by yet another corporation, Bridge Publications - and so on. Few people, including the Scientologists, would deny that RTC and CST are part of Scientology. This classification was recognised in the 1993 agreement with the IRS, when the closing agreement stated that Narconon was one of a number of "Scientology-related entities" and the *Tax Compliance Manual* calls it a "Scientology charitable and educational institution". In short, Narconon is demonstrably part of the wider Scientology movement.

So... Narconon can be independent of the "Church of Scientology", BUT IT APPEARS STILL A PART OF THE SCIENTOLOGY CONGLOMERATE. Other information states that 10% of income from each local Narconon organization is remitted to *Narconon International* and further states that this is the standard Scientology franchise arrangement...

If you go to the Scientology.org site and click on "Get Help Now", it takes you to Narconon.org. where at the bottom in the copyright information is "...logo are trademarks & service marks owned by the Association for Better Living and Education International..." Also when you click on "Worldwide Activities" it has Narconon listed.

*An aside...* ABLE also has the same celebrity supporters as Scientology...a coincidence?

This all seems quite deceptive don't you think? Why not just be honest? I personally don't have a problem with a holistic type of anti-drug program in and of itself. Other organizations are proud to promote their charitable contributions and organizations to their communities, why not Narconon? This makes me suspicious. There has been controversy over the question of whether or not Narconon is a "front" for Scientology. I haven't really seen any evidence of that, but I do think they are affiliated with Scientology and, of course, are using their belief system in their anti-drug program. (Which is fine and within their rights, but again don't lie about it.)

*Since I've made this longer than I originally intended, my safety concerns are on the other sheet.*

## NARCONON SAFETY CONCERNS...

websites of interest: [cs.cmu.edu/~dst/Narconon/index.html](http://cs.cmu.edu/~dst/Narconon/index.html), [scientology.org](http://scientology.org), [narconon.org](http://narconon.org), [able.org](http://able.org)

First of all, I was not visited by the Wickstroms, although I might not have been home when they came around. So they did not get my input and I did not get to hear what they have to say, only what has been in the papers.

I understand the facility will be a "lock down" type. Good...and I'm assuming everything concerning this will be in writing, including fencing type, height, gates, etc. There will be, I think, a reduction in property value because of this, as it's reminiscent of a prison in the eyes of many potential home buyers. It would certainly be a consideration for me if I were thinking of purchasing a home in the neighborhood and I *would* view it as a negative.

- **Will there still be any supervised field trips and if so, who will be supervising them?** I have read that their counselors are frequently "graduates" (former drug addicts) of the program, and at some of their other facilities, accompany students on field trips. This would be a big concern for me and I'm sure I don't need to explain why?
- **Will the security staff be an independent contractor or from within Narconon?** Of course, this could present the same type of concern if the security staff is made up of "graduates" of the program.
- **What are the hours the security staff will be on duty?** I would hope round-the-clock.
- **Who did Commission member Harlo Haine speak to at Albion and Battle Creek, that gave Stone Hawk high marks?** Did he talk to staff & graduates of the program or did he talk to the community at large?

From the Albion website: ([narcononeast.com/staff\\_qualifications.php](http://narcononeast.com/staff_qualifications.php))

"Also, many members of our caring staff have actually graduated from the very program for which they are working! This gives them an improved means to relate and understand each and every person that walks through our doors seeking a better life." That's great but...

- **How many of the staff will actually be graduates and how long has it been since they graduated?**

This is a concern because they *are* former addicts and how can I be assured they won't relapse and be a detriment or even danger to our community? Also, at one of the Narconon facilities, the admitting employee is a graduate. Will he check to be sure drugs won't be brought into the facility? Stone Hawk claims a 76% success rate - impressive - but what happens with the others? and...

- **Will any of these counselors that are graduates be living within the neighborhood or will they be living at the center?**

Yes, drug addiction is a problem here and a rehab center could be of benefit, but...

- **What percentage of clients/patients will actually come from OUR community? Would they and their families even care to enter the program?**

Wickstrom does say that 12 beds will be given to indigent applicants in the year and that residents will be allowed to work at the center to pay back their expenses. That's nice, but it also brings up the question...

- **In what capacity will the "not yet graduates" be working?**

**AND aside from the Scientology, and various Narconon websites...**

- **How do they solicit clients/patients/students? Do they go into the schools?** I would be very uncomfortable with this. There has been controversy about their anti-drug programs in schools. It has been stated that they go into the schools to help promote the tenants of Scientology or the Church of Scientology, not just to promote their rehabilitation facility. Since the detox program at the facility is, apparently, based on the Purification Program in the Church of Scientology, then this could make what they are trying and want to accomplish in the schools confusing. Will they try to use verbal sleight of hand (again) to approach the schools?

**Another question...**

- **How many of the 60-80 jobs will actually be offered to the community?** Wickstrom stated "as much as possible" but this is rather vague, especially considering that this is really their only benefit to our community. (They are tax exempt aren't they?) Especially at first, the counselors and staff will have to be experienced and come from within Narconon, correct? After that, what portion of employees will be chosen from the recent graduates? (And where did the clients originally come from?)

My self and others I've talked with in the neighborhood *do* want to see something go into this building. It has a lot of potential. I thought it would make a terrific community center (Parks & Rec?) for classes and even a city pool, etc. (dreaming, I know) I've also heard that Manistee could still use another Assisted Living Center too. Others have thought it would make a great trade school. If possible the city and realtor should try to find other possible uses/buyers for this building.

Considering the safety concerns, the area is too densely populated for a drug rehab center. In Battle Creek, the center is in a "quiet" semi-residential area. (stated on their website) In the old Tendercare location, there are neighborhoods, a major thoroughfare and many businesses. *And...*the program has also been the subject of controversy involving the possible physical dangers to the patients themselves with the use of this program.

**Petosky has rejected a special use permit because of safety concerns. I think you should too. There are too many unknowns for the community and too much controversy surrounding the program and Narconon itself for it to be a significant benefit to this area.**

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September 23, 2006

To Whom It May Concern:

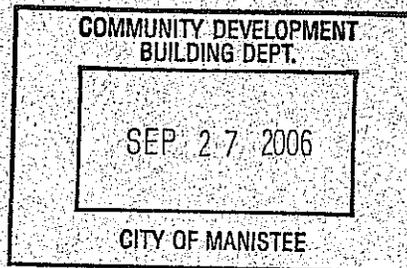
I am writing this letter in order to recommend to the City of Manistee that it give strong and positive consideration to an application made by an organization named Narconon. As I understand it, this organization wants to establish a drug rehabilitation facility in Manistee, a city I have visited many times.

I am familiar with the non-profit, public benefit facility that Narconon maintains in Battle Creek, having visited them many times in conjunction with the treatment they afforded a close relative. This organization provides a valuable service. People come from all over the country in order to take advantage of their treatment program. I've witnessed many people graduate from this highly effective program in the past.

If anyone reading this letter would like to discuss this topic further, please feel free to call me, either at work, on my cell phone or at my home. The enclosed card shows the 1<sup>st</sup> two numbers. My home number is at left.

Sincerely,

Lou Thierwechter  
Vice Chairman



### Mission Statement

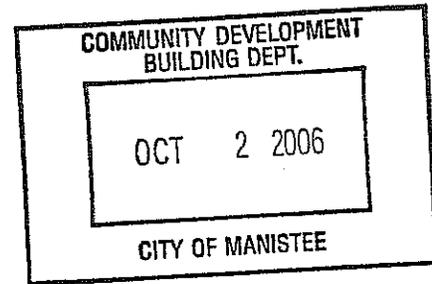
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September 28, 2006



City of Manistee  
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Attn: Jon Rose  
70 Maple Street, P.O. Box 358  
Manistee, MI 49660-0358

Dear Jon:

Mansfield and Associates would like to thank you and the Planning Commission members for their insight in regards to the Narconon Stone Hawk Project during the work session meeting on September 21, 2006.

As promised, I am providing you with the height of the existing structure. The height of the building as measured from the finished grade to the top of the building is 37 feet. This measurement does not include the elevator shaft area that increases the height to fifty feet.

We look forward to the public hearing set for October 5, 2006 at 7:00 pm. I hope this helps alleviate any of your concerns in regards to the project. Please let us know if we can provide you with any other information.

Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions, comments or concerns.

Sincerely,

Roberto Larrea  
Planner

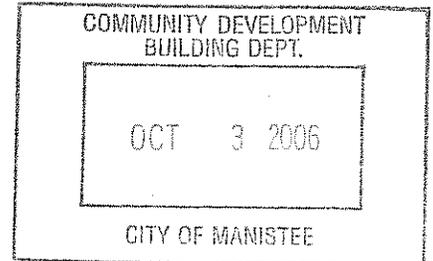
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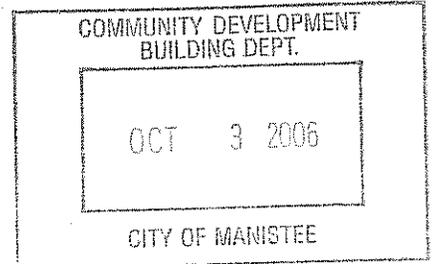
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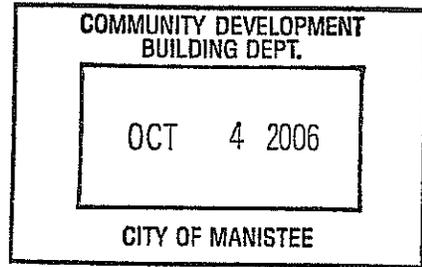
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# Narconon Stone Hawk

## Fax Coversheet

To: Jon Rose From: Per Wickstrom  
Fax: 231-723-1546 Pages: 2 including cover  
Phone: 231-398-2805 Date: 10/4/06  
Re: Letter

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Please see attached documents.

Thanks,

Per Wickstrom

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September 28, 2006

Per Wickstrom, Director  
Narconon Stone Hawk  
273 North Avenue  
Battle Creek, Michigan 49017

Dear Mr. Wickstrom,

*I am writing to support your intention to open a Narconon Stone Hawk rehabilitation program in Manistee. Aside from the obvious advantages of using a facility which is currently not being used in Manistee and the employment that the program would bring, I believe that the program you offer is one of the best drug addiction rehabilitation programs I have seen.*

*During the past year I have had the opportunity to visit the Stone Hawk facility in Battle Creek and learned much of how the program is presented. I also had the opportunity to visit with people attending the program and their family members and people who have completed the program. Many of the people I spoke with have been in other rehabilitation programs (some many times) and the common themes from our discussions were that the Narconon program was very different than many "traditional" programs. The Narconon program offers a very different and holistic approach to rehabilitation. People mentioned that the program not only changed their lives but also saved their lives.*

*I think that Manistee would be very proud to have such a facility and program located in our lovely area. Please feel free to use my recommendation and I'd be willing to speak with anyone regarding my views and perspective.*

Sincerely,

*Michael Moran*  
Michael Moran, CEO

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## MEMORANDUM

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TO: Planning Commissioners  
FROM: Denise Blakeslee   
DATE: October 5, 2006  
RE: Narconon Stone Hawk - Public Comments

Commissioners, we have received the following correspondence to since your packets were mailed last week in response to the Public Hearing Notice for Narconon Stone Hawk.

E-mail from Anita Gogolla received October 2, 2006

E-mail from George & Carra Schoene received October 2, 2006

Fax from Carl Erickson received October 3, 2006

Fax from Patrick Gerard received October 4, 2006

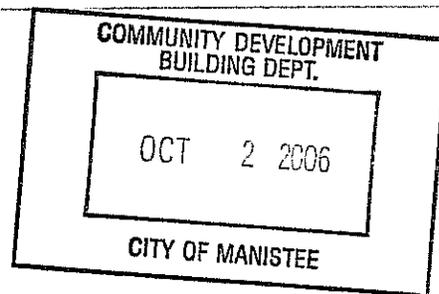
E-mail from Greg Stone, Recovery Consulting received October 5, 2006

Thank you!

:djb

**Denise Blakeslee**

**From:** Anita Gogolla [freewaypm@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 29, 2006 6:48 PM  
**To:** Jon Rose; Denise Blakeslee  
**Cc:** gregbe@frognet.net  
**Subject:** planned NARCONON center



Dear Mrs. Blakeslee, dear Mr. Rose,

A Narconon drug rehabilitation center is planned for your city. A hearing is scheduled for October 5th 2006.

For your information, Narconon is a Scientology front group.

Before the hearing, I would like to urge you to read some information about this questionable facility.

[www.stop-narconon.com](http://www.stop-narconon.com)

I also would like to attach a letter from just an ordinary Dad and his devastating experience with Narconon. Thanks you for listening.

Anita Gogolla

September 11, 2006

To Whom It May Concern:

In the last two years my step-son (20 years old) drug problem has gotten really bad. He's on probation for writing a forged check. He has to check in with his parole officer every week and some weeks they do a drug test and he always passes it except for marijuana and they don't really do anything about that. He also goes to one on one counseling and group counseling every week but it's not helping. In April and May of this year things has gotten out of hand. We tried sending him to the Service but they won't take him as long as he is on reporting probation. It looked like he was going to end up in jail or death. We finally decided on sending him to a Drug Rehabilitation Center. We wanted one out of state so his girl-friend or any of his drug buddies couldn't contact him.

During the last week of May 2006, we called 1-800- No Drugs, looking for a Drug Rehabilitation Center to send our son to. They hooked us up with Narconon Stone Hawk Rehabilitation Center of

Battle Creek Michigan. We talked with Ramsy Darwish, CCDC an Intake Counselor at Stone Hawk about our situation. He convinced us (calling us every 2 or 3 days for a month) that Stone Hawk is where our son should be. We finally agreed with him and on June 30<sup>th</sup> we entered our son into the Stone Hawk Rehabilitation Center at a cost of \$23,500. (This is a 3 to 6 month program and money had to be paid upon entering the program). I paid \$15,000 (borrowed credit card) and \$8,500 on a line of credit I had. (I plan on getting a mortgage on some property to pay this off).

Ramsy Darwish, CCDC an Intake Counselor was there to help check him in. We just finished driving 7 hours to get to this rehab and it was a little after midnight. We had plenty of paperwork to fill out. On one of the forms, it said that the program was a **No Refund Program**. One of the questions that we asked at that time was if our son threw a fit were they going to throw him out. Ramsy assured us that they dealt with that all the time and that would not be a problem.

At that time I figure that Stone Hawk was the best place for our son. After all what was I going to do with him. If I could handle him at home, I wouldn't have signed him up for a drug rehabilitation program. The day before, our son sold his pick-up and didn't have any money to show for it. (I'm assuming that the money went for drugs). After checking him in they took him right to Detox.

On July 2, (2 days into Detox) our son passed out and was vomiting blood, the RN at the center would not let him go to the hospital. Our son finally convinced them to take him to the hospital. They said they would take him AMA (against medical advice). At the hospital they said he was dehydrated and started him on IV's. After going back to Stone Hawk, he finished the detox withdrawal part of the program.

Our son started the next phase of the program (Therapeutic Training Routines Course) which teaches one's ability to confront and communicate. Our son was having problems with getting through this phase. During this period we were talking with our son and the counselors (Anthony, Patty, and Ramsy) trying to get our son through this part of the program. On July 13<sup>th</sup> or 14<sup>th</sup> we talked to Patty (our son's counselor) and he told us that if he couldn't get our son through this course by the end of weekend that they would have to let him go. We called Ramsy and told him about the situation and he assured us that he would talk to our son to help get him through the program.

On July 18<sup>th</sup> around 7:00pm (18 days into the program) they loaded my son's belongings and drove him 26 miles away to a motel room and dropped him off. They paid for his room (from his medical fund) and gave him \$10.00.

We have a phone message that says; "This is Jai the administrator of Stone Hawk of Battle Creek, Tory just had another outburst and we are basically washing our hands at this point and time, he is being on a 2 week AMA, basically a 2 week suspension."

The next day we went to get our son and took him straight to another Drug Rehabilitation Center at a cost of \$8,000 (a borrowed credit card) for the first two week and \$6,000 (another borrowed credit card) for the following 4 weeks. After that I'm not sure what we will do.

On July 27<sup>th</sup> we got a hold of the owner of Stone Hawk (PerWickstrom) and he told us that there would be **No Refund** and that our son was on a 30 day suspension AMA (against medical advice) and that he was going to hold the bed for 30 days. Our son could have up to 3- 30 day suspensions (and he would hold a bed all this time) before they kicked him out. This is where they get a 3 month program.

Since that time our son is in another rehab center and he has passed the first part of their program (two weeks) and his continuing in the second phase of the program without a problem.

I guess the story I want to tell is that Narconon Drug Rehabilitation Centers are all over the United States and they have a no refund program where they can take your money (\$23,500) and stick it to you. You don't know it's a **No Refund Program** until the day you get there and then you are so desperate to turn your son or daughter over to get them off drugs you will sign anything.

Sincerely,

Greg and Beth Beha

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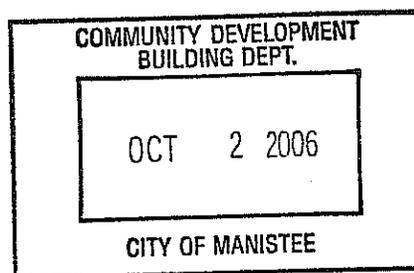
## Denise Blakeslee

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**From:** George & Carra Schoene [schoenes@chartermi.net]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 02, 2006 1:19 PM  
**To:** Denise Blakeslee  
**Attachments:** Petoskey Handout - 2.doc

The Narconon Stone Hawk Rehabilitation Center (under the name TIA Corporation) tried to get into tiny Wolverine and the citizens there said, "NO".

When they tried in Petoskey, the citizens also said, "no". You should try to get the TIA proposals and Planning commissions hearing minutes from Cheboygan County and Petoskey to find out the true story about Stone Hawk. See the following website: <http://www-2.cs.cmu.edu/~dst/Narconon/>



## STOP DRUG REHAB AT REUS

The TIA Corp. of Battle Creek is proposing to purchase the Reus Residence on Arlington Avenue to turn it into a drug and alcohol abuse center. TIA Corp. operates the Narconon Stone Hawk treatment facility in Battle Creek and wants to expand to Petoskey. We are opposed to the Reus Residence being a Narconon drug and alcohol abuse center for these reasons:

**Size and population:** TIA proposes to house 63 addicts, younger and more active than the approximately 35 elderly residents that lived at the old rest home next to Lockwood-McDonald. Similar Narconon facilities have far larger facilities and grounds (Reus is 2 acres), and they are further from residential areas. The turn-over rate is 8-12 addicts per week here.

**Demographics:** Sixty-two percent of residents in the Stone Hawk location are addicted to crack, heroin, or are cross addicted; and 33 percent more are addicted to alcohol. The average "student" has been addicted for over 20 years. On average, these people committed a crime every 11 days to support their habit. Many will not be Northern Michigan residents, so they will be importing additional drug and crime problems to the area.

**Economic Plan:** TIA's Application for Conditional Use Permit indicates that they would have an addict population of 70-105. This indicates that they intend to expand from 63 proposed in their Site Plan..

**Security:** TIA Narconon's proposal indicates that it would not be a lock down facility. Their "students" are supposed to be escorted when out of the facility to ensure that they do not wander. But Narconon's websites state that "students" go for long walks. One can assume that addicts will go on walks through the adjacent residential neighborhoods of Petoskey, the downtown and the Bayfront Park, and Bay View. Addicts will be in close proximity to a hospital and the proposed Hospice, both of which stock drugs.

**Methodology:** Narconon conducts their treatments outside of the medical mainstream and their treatments are not considered to follow best practices. Former U. S. Surgeon General C. Everett Koop describes the detoxification as practiced by Narconon as dangerous and can be detrimental to your health. The California Medical Association has declared unanimous support for school districts that have dropped Narconon. Oklahoma denied certification to the Narconon Chilocco facility and required that the patients be transferred to other facilities because the program was unsafe.

**Medical Care:** Narconon has a "cold turkey" approach to detox. Many addicts have a drug or alcohol dependency as well as a mental disorder. Narconon's treatment does not provide for treating addicts' mental health problems. Narconon generally does **NOT** hire local citizens as counselors but imports Narconon graduates to provide peer counseling. Few will have real medical therapy training.

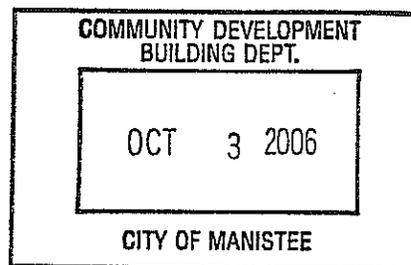
**Zoning:** We believe that there is an issue as to whether the proposed use is a convalescent home as defined in the zoning ordinance. We believe that the Petoskey inappropriately recommended that the treatment facility be considered under the convalescent home zoning requirements.



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October 2, 2006

Subject: Narconon Stone Hawk

I would like to commend Cean Burgeson of the News Advocate for the excellent articles reporting on a new drug rehabilitation center that might come to Manistee.

As a native of Manistee who graduated from MHS in the 1950s, I am proud of the way that the city has grown in the years since I left. Currently, I am Director of the Addiction Science Research and Education Center in the College of Pharmacy at the University of Texas at Austin. I am the science editor of the Betty Ford Center newsletter, an Associate Editor of the scientific journal *Alcoholism: Clinical & Experimental Research*, a member of the Board of Directors of the National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence, and I have recently authored a book called the "Science of Addiction: From Neurobiology to Treatment". In short, I have accumulated a lot of knowledge about drugs of addiction, and how to treat them.

A lot of communities take a "not in my backyard" approach to the proposed establishment of a substance abuse treatment center in their community. I am glad that Manistee does not seem to have that mentality, for the establishment of something like the Betty Ford Center would be a cause of great pride in helping people with drug problems. However, Narconon is no Betty Ford Center, and in my opinion, should not be allowed to become established in Manistee for several important reasons.

There are over 135,000 treatment centers for addiction around the country, and most of these are not using science-based methods of treatment. In other words, they claim "outcomes" based upon patient reports and anecdotes, if they report outcomes at all. Most are, sadly, just in the business for the money. Such companies victimize people with drug problems who are desperate for help. Our society actually promotes such companies by not providing sufficient health insurance coverage to help people with drug problems (including "addiction"). When high quality treatment is not available, desperate people seek help from anyone who promises such help. In actuality, most such programs are a waste of money. (Some people do get better, but this is due to an "expectation" effect that has nothing to do with the actual treatment process.)

What caught my eye in the News Advocate articles is the claim by Narconon Stone Hawk that "The results of (their) unique and effective program is that (their) success rate is three to four times that of other drug rehab programs." Reportedly, the excitement of having the rehab program in Manistee is that 60-80 new jobs will be created, and that the representatives grew up in the areas around Manistee. (This, along with having other facilities in Michigan, somehow means that their program is credible?) The proposal by the representatives further states that they will outlay \$1 million in wages and that the average wages will range from \$9-11 per hour, plus shift bonuses. Sounds like something good for Manistee, right?

I would suggest that the city planning commission look beyond the proposed financial benefits to the city, which may or may not come true. I care about Manistee, its tourism reputation, and its future. I would suggest that the city planning commission validate the claims and promises of the representatives of Stone Hawk by asking the following questions: 1) Is Narconon aware of the well-established distinction between "bad choice" substance abuse and pathological (brain disease) substance dependence, and do they use accepted assessment methods to determine who they will accept and who they will not accept as clients? (In other words, which "addicts" do they treat?) 2) How much do they charge each client per month, and what is their profit margin? (Do they accept as clients everyone who can pay?) 3) Why do they call their clients "students"? Is "addiction" something that "students" can overcome simply by "re-learning" how to be a better drug-free person; if so, where is the evidence that this works, especially for the brain disease of substance dependence? Finally, 4) Where is the scientifically-based evidence that their treatment is 3-4 times better than other drug rehab programs? I work with Betty Ford Center, Hazelden, and others, and those nationally-known treatment centers have not yet published any treatment outcomes. Thus, how can Narconon claim their rehab is ANY better than other programs? Or is this simply a ploy to try to convince the city planning commission that they are a reputable organization?

If people trying to set up a rehab center in Manistee cannot back up the claims for their treatment (this is remindful of the old days when "snake oil salesmen" used to sell remedies to make us feel better), how can we be sure that such a rehab center will be good for the economy and reputation of Manistee? As a scientist who has studied this problem for many years, I must say that this organization is much more controversial than written in the News Advocate articles. I do not want to see a community taken advantage of. If the representatives can convince the city planning commission that their plan is in good faith, that they will indeed be helping people and not just taking their money, then there is good for everyone. But I doubt they can. Most importantly, the citizens of Manistee should be aware that other communities are now trying to get rid of Narconon centers that are already established (go to [www.Google.com](http://www.Google.com), type in "Narconon", and click on "Narconon Exposed"; especially "Stop Narconon" at [www.stop-narconon.org](http://www.stop-narconon.org)). I suggest that Manistee can do just as well without such a rehab center, and that there is nothing to be gained by its presence. After all, Petoskey probably had more reasons to turn down the center than simply "not in my backyard".

Sincerely,



Carlton Erickson, Ph. D.  
Director, and Distinguished Professor  
of Pharmacology/Toxicology

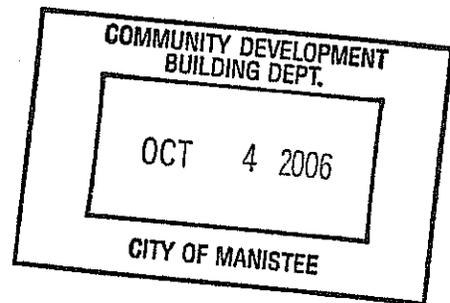
**From the desk of Patrick Gerard**

As a graduate of Narconon Montreal I would like to suggest to the City of Manistee the great opportunity before them. Yes added jobs and expanding one's tax base to any community is a plus, this proposed facility cuts a little deeper than that. I personally battled with substance abuse on a daily basis for 2 ½ years, I went from a prominent business owner, loving Father to the bottom of the barrel, This was the last place I was supposed to be at 40 years old. The Narconon program did save my life and I have personally watched it save many others. Addiction has no prejudice, it can attack if your 18 or 80. The City of Manistee can step up and be a leader in this crusade to eradicate this menace in Michigan and Elsewhere.

Sincerely,



Patrick Gerard



**Patrick Gerard  
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231-322-4102**

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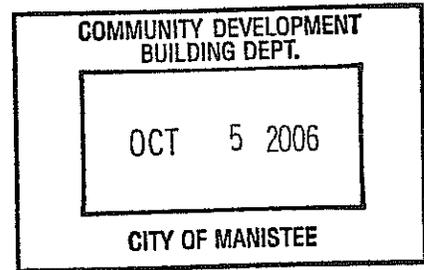
**"Helping Communities Build Recovery Supports"**

**TO: Jon Rose**

**FROM: Greg Stone**

**DATE: 10/5/06**

**RE: Narconon**



**Jon, the Narconon program will be a tremendous benefit to the Manistee community, not only by creating jobs, but by adding to the positive energy this community needs in the battle against chemical dependency. I believe they have proposed 12 scholarships per year for Manistee residents. What price can you put on saving lives and healing families?**

**As you know, I run Stoneshouse and there have been questions of whether I would accept Narconon graduates. I ONLY accept residents of Manistee or Benzie counties. Please share this with Planning and/or City Commission members. If you have any questions, please call me at 883-3217.**



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## MEMORANDUM

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TO: Planning Commissioners

FROM: Jon R. Rose   
Community Development Director

DATE: September 28, 2006

RE: Michcon/DTE Energy

Commissioners, we have received a request from Steve Lipps, Michcon/DTE Energy regarding the new standards for fences in the Zoning Ordinance. Michcon/DTE Energy provides natural gas service to the residents in the City of Manistee. In order to provide this service they have above ground valves throughout the community. These above ground valves require security fencing.

Mr. Lipps quotes section 527, Essential Services of the City of Manistee Zoning Ordinance. Under this provision of the ordinance he is requesting approval for all of their fencing needs throughout the City of Manistee.

Staff feels that the request is reasonable in providing an essential service to the community and recommends approval.

At this time Planning Commission could take action

to approve the request from Michcon/DTE Energy for security fencing of their facilities throughout the community as provided in Section 527 Essential Services of the City of Manistee Zoning Ordinance.

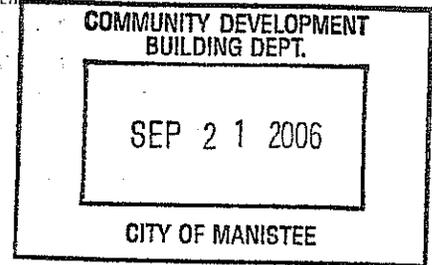
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**DTE Energy**



MichCon

September 11, 2006



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Zoning Administrator,

MichCon / DTE Energy provide natural gas service to the citizens of the city of Manistee. In order to provide this service above ground valves are constructed in different areas (zoning districts) throughout the community. Once completed these units are surrounded by security fencing.

It has come to MichCon's attentions that under the Zoning Ordinance that was adopted on March 27, 2006 we are no longer able to construct the security fencing that is required under National Security Standards that have been imposed since 09/11/2001. These standards include the construction of a six foot chain link fence with an additional one foot of barbed wire placed on top for a finished height of over seven feet. This type of fencing is the standard that we have used in Manistee prior to the adoption of the new Zoning Ordinance.

Section 527, Essential Services of the City of Manistee Zoning Ordinance reads:

The Planning Commission shall have the power to permit the use of lands and the erection and use of buildings and facilities for an essential service in any district. The Planning Commission may further authorize buildings in connection with an essential service to be constructed to a height or of a building area greater than permitted in the district upon a finding that such use, height and area is reasonably necessary for the public convenience and service.

MichCon / DTE Energy is respectfully requesting the Planning Commission to permit the construction of security fending around its facilities throughout the city as needed to insure the security of the equipment and safety of the community.

Sincerely,



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## MEMORANDUM

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TO: Planning Commissioners

FROM: Jon R. Rose   
Community Development Director

DATE: September 28, 2006

RE: Sand Products Corporation - Request for Extension

Commissioners, the Planning Commission denied the request from Sand Products Corporation to amend their Planned Unit Development by Adding a Phase 3 development at the September 7, 2006 meeting.

After this denial we overlooked the request from Sand Products Corporation in their letter dated August 21, 2006 for an Extension (copy attached). The Planning Commission needs to address this request at the October Meeting, it has been placed under unfinished business.

Staff review of the request shows that the request is reasonable and will allow time for the City and Citizens to try to locate funding to purchase the property.

At this time Planning Commission could take action to

approved the request from Sand Products Corporation to extend the expiration period on their current PUD permit related to the Man Made Lake Project to a total period of three (3) years.

JRR:djb



## SAND PRODUCTS CORPORATION

MINERS AND SHIPPERS

Mr. Roger Yoder, Chairman  
Planning Commission  
City of Manistee  
70 Maple Street  
Manistee, Michigan 49660

August 21, 2006

RE: Request for Extension

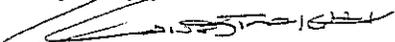
Dear Mr. Yoder,

Section 1870 of the Zoning Ordinance, paragraph K-Termination, includes the language: "Upon written request stating the reasons therefore, the Planning Commission may extend the time for commencement of construction."

Please consider extending the expiration period on our current PUD permit(s) and any future PUD permit(s) related to the Manmade Lake Project by one (1) calendar year to a total period of three (3) years.

This extension would afford Sand Products Corporation the ability to carefully consider its timeline for expenditures and related site improvements while the City of Manistee and its citizens study their desires and/or abilities to purchase the Manmade Lake property.

Very truly yours,



Chuck Canestraight

President  
Sand Products Corporation

Cc: Jon Rose, Community Development Director, City of Manistee  
Mitch Deisch, City Manager, City of Manistee  
Sand Products Corporation, Main Office