

CITY OF MANISTEE PLANNING COMMISSION

70 Maple Street
Manistee, MI 49660

MEETING MINUTES

July 12, 2012

A meeting of the Manistee City Planning Commission was held on Thursday, July 12, 2012 at 7pm in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 70 Maple Street, Manistee, Michigan.

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Chair Yoder

Welcome new member Mark Wittlief

Roll Call:

Members Present: Maureen Barry, Bill Dean, Ray Fortier, Eric Gustad, Marlene McBride, Mark Wittlief, Roger Yoder

Members Absent: Linda Albee (excused), David Crockett (excused),

Others: Jon R. Rose (Community Development Director) and Denise Blakeslee (Planning & Zoning)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Ray Fortier, seconded by Maureen Barry that the agenda be approved as prepared.

With a Roll Call vote this motion passed 7 to 0.

Yes: Barry, Dean, Fortier, Gustad, McBride, Wittlief, Yoder
No: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Ray Fortier, seconded by Maureen Barry that the minutes of the June 14, 2012 Planning Commission Meeting be approved as written.

With a Roll Call vote this motion passed 7 to 0.

Yes: Dean, Fortier, Barry, Gustad, McBride, Wittlief, Yoder
No: None

PUBLIC HEARING

None

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA RELATED ITEMS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

OLD BUSINESS

Zoning Amendments

Section 1813 Bed & Breakfast

As discussed at the June Meeting, staff prepared a draft Zoning Amendment that would delete Item B.h from Section 1813 Bed and Breakfast.

The Commission reviewed the language and directed staff to schedule a public hearing. The Public Hearing will be scheduled in September due to noticing requirements.

Motion by Eric Gustad, seconded by Bill Dean that staff prepare the necessary notices for a Public Hearing to be held on September 6, 2012 for a Zoning Amendment that would delete Item B.h from Section 1813 Bed and Breakfast.

With a Roll Call vote this motion passed 7 to 0.

Yes: Gustad, McBride, Wittlief, Dean, Fortier, Barry, Yoder

No: None

Section 502 Uses, Spatial and Physical Requirements Item D.

The Commission continued their discussion on amending the Zoning Ordinance to allow a reduction in the front yard setback to three (3) feet for porches subject to Section 513 Clear Vision Areas. Also how outdoor play sets should be permitted without a permit. The proposed amendment would also result in adding a definition for Porch and Outdoor Playset.

The Commission reviewed aerial photos of three neighborhoods.

Motion by Maureen Barry, seconded by Marlene McBride that staff prepare the necessary notices for a Public Hearing to be held on September 6, 2012 for a Zoning Amendment that would amend Section 502 Uses, Spatial and Physical Requirements Item D and add definitions for Porch and Outdoor Playset.

With a Roll Call vote this motion passed 7 to 0.

Yes: Wittlief, Dean, Fortier, Barry, Gustad, McBride, Yoder
No: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

None

CORRESPONDENCE

None

STAFF/SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS/ MEMBERS DISCUSSION

None

The Planning Commission does not have a Worksession scheduled for July.

The next regular meeting of the Planning Commission will be held on Thursday, August 2, 2012.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Ray Fortier, seconded by Marlene McBride that the meeting be adjourned. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm

MANISTEE PLANNING COMMISSION

Denise J. Blakeslee, Recording Secretary