

MANISTEE CITY PLANNING COMMISSION  
70 Maple Street  
Manistee, MI 49660

MEETING MINUTES  
August 2, 2007

A Meeting of the Manistee City Planning Commission was held on Thursday, August 2, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 70 Maple Street, Manistee, Michigan.

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Yoder

ROLL CALL:

Members Present: Linda Albee, Maureen Barry, Ray Fortier, Harlo Haines, Tony Slawinski, and Roger Yoder

Members Absent: Ben Bifoss, Dave Crockett, and Eric Gustad

Others: Renee Ihlenfeldt (Economic Development Office), Denise Blakeslee (Planning & Zoning)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

MOTION by Ray Fortier, seconded by Tony Slawinski that the Agenda be approved as prepared.

With a roll call vote this motion passed 6 to 0.

Yes: Albee, Barry, Fortier, Haines, Slawinski, Yoder  
No: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Planning Commission Meeting of July 5, 2007

MOTION by Tony Slawinski, seconded by Ray Fortier that the minutes of the July 5, 2007 Planning Commission Meeting be approved.

With a roll call vote this motion passed 6 to 0.

Yes: Albee, Barry, Fortier, Haines, Slawinski, Yoder  
No: None

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Joseph J. LaPorte and Joanne Dunbar - Parcel Split & Combination Request.

Request from Joseph J. LaPorte, 930 Tamarck Street and Joanne Dunbar, 814 Tamarack Street for a Parcel Split and Combination. The North ½ of Lot 100, Jefferson Addition would be split from Parcel #51-51-358-715-02 (LaPorte) and combined with parcel #51-51-358-715-04 (Dunbar).

Review of the Zoning Ordinance shows that both parcels meet all of the requirements.

MOTION by Ray Fortier, seconded by Tony Slawinski the Planning Commission make recommendation to City Council to split the North ½ of Lot 100, Jefferson Addition from Parcel #51-51-358-715-02 and combine it with parcel #51-51-358-715-04.

With a roll call vote this motion passed 6 to 0.

Yes: Slawinski, Barry, Haines, Albee, Fortier, Yoder  
No: None

**OLD BUSINESS:**

None

**PUBLIC COMMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS:**

Renee Ihlenfeldt, Economic Development Office handed out information to the Commissioners (attached) on a proposed Garden Park on River Street. They are entering into an agreement with the property owner of the vacant property to the west of the Credit Bureau to lease the property for use as a community garden/art park. This park would be constructed of items that could be removed within 30 days if needed. No permanent structures would be built.

The garden park would be a home to display art from artists and art students in the community. Rhonda Erble, Manistee High School Art teacher is working with the wood shop students on construction of benches, and her art students are working on pieces to be displayed in the park. Ms. Erble has also been in contact with other schools in the county.

Commissioners were receptive of the idea and expressed their views of the project.

MOTION by Ray Fortier, seconded by Linda Albee that it be known that the Planning Commission is in support of the proposed Garden/Art Park on River Street.

CORRESPONDENCE:

None

STAFF REPORT:

The Master Plan Review Committee Meeting for Tuesday, August 7<sup>th</sup> has been cancelled and will be rescheduled at a later date.

Members were given information for Citizen Planner Workshop in September/October. Member were asked to RSVP to Denise Blakeslee as soon as possible.

The next meeting of the Planning Commission will be on Thursday, September 6, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

MEMBERS DISCUSSION:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION by Tony Slawinski, seconded by Maureen Barry that the meeting be adjourned. Motion passed unanimously.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:21 P.M.

MANISTEE PLANNING COMMISSION

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Denise J. Blakeslee, Recording Secretary