

MANISTEE CITY PLANNING COMMISSION
70 Maple Street
Manistee, MI 49660

MEETING MINUTES
September 3, 2009

A Meeting of the Manistee City Planning Commission was held on Thursday, September 3, 2009 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 Vice Chair Fortier

ROLL CALL:

Members Present: Linda Albee, Dave Crockett, Ray Fortier, Eric Gustad, Harlo Haines, Nathaniel Neider, Tony Slawinski

Members Absent: Maureen Barry (excused), Roger Yoder (excused)

Others: Ben Mosqueda (Property Energy Group) Jon Rose (Community Development), Denise Blakeslee (Planning & Zoning) and Others

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

MOTION by Linda Albee, seconded by Tony Slawinski that the Agenda be approved as prepared.

With a roll call vote this motion passed 7 to 0.

Yes: Neider, Albee, Crockett, Gustad, Haines, Slawinski, Fortier
No: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Planning Commission Meeting Minutes of August 6, 2009

MOTION by Tony Slawinski, seconded by Linda Albee that the minutes of the August 6, 2009 Planning Commission Meeting be approved.

With a roll call vote this motion passed 7 to 0

Yes: Neider, Albee, Crockett, Gustad, Haines, Slawinski, Fortier
No: None

PUBLIC HEARING:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Meeting/Worksession Dates 2010

The Planning Commission will review the meeting and worksession dates recommended by Staff for the year 2010.

MOTION by Dave Crockett, seconded by Linda Albee that the City of Manistee Planning Commission schedule their meetings and worksessions for 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 70 Maple Street, Manistee, Michigan as follows

MEETINGS

January 7, 2010
February 4, 2010
March 4, 2010
April 1, 2010
May 6, 2010
June 3, 2010
July 1, 2010
August 5, 2010
September 2, 2010
October 7, 2010
November 4, 2010
December 2, 2010

WORKSESSIONS

January 21, 2010
February 18, 2010
March 18, 2010
April 15, 2010
May 20, 2010
No Worksession
No Worksession
No Worksession
September 16, 2010
October 21, 2010
November 18, 2010
No Worksession

With a roll call vote this motion passed 7 to 0.

Yes: Albee, Neider, Haines, Slawinski, Crockett, Gustad, Fortier
No: None

OLD BUSINESS:

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

Ben Mosqueda, Property Energy Group, 174 Cleveland Street - Mr. Mosqueda is a local distributor for low profile wind turbines and spoke to the Commission about ordinance language that would permit them within the City of Manistee. The Commission encouraged Mr. Mosqueda to find ordinance language for a community similar to the City of Manistee that they could review.

CORRESPONDENCE:

None

STAFF/SUB COMMITTEE REPORT:

Denise Blakeslee spoke to the Planning Commission about draft Zoning Amendments that had been prepared. The first would be for a "Medium Site Plan" the second would be to change duplex's from a Use by Right to a Special Use.

Denise Blakeslee received an inquiry about the building at 345 First Street (corner of First and Walnut). The building is located in the C-2 Commercial Zoning District and has been used as a single family home, a single family home with a home occupation and an engineer/doctor's office. The inquiry was if the building could be used for a Bed & Breakfast. The C-2 Commercial Zoning District does not allow a Bed and Breakfast, while it is allowed as a Special Use in the R-1, R-2, R-3 and C-3 Zoning Districts. The Commission was asked if it was overlooked when the ordinance was written and if an amendment would be appropriate.

The Planning Commission will discuss all three ordinance issues at their Worksession on September 17th.

The Green Initiative Sub-Committee of the Planning Commission is looking at ways for the City to be more environmentally friendly. Denise asked the Commissioners if they wanted to continue receiving hard copies of the City Council Agendas and Newsletters. Commissioners were asked if they wanted to receive their copies electronically.

Four MSU Citizen Planner workshops have been scheduled for this fall.

October 22, 2009	-	Ground and Surface Water Protection
October 27, 2009	-	Creating a Sense of Place
November 2, 2009	-	Site Plan Review
November 12, 2009	-	Home Based Alternative Energy

Commissioners are to contact Denise if they wish to attend.

Green Initiative Committee, The Committee met on August 27th and are working on assignments. Their next meeting will be on September 17th before the Worksession.

MEMBERS DISCUSSION:

Dave Crockett asked why the Planning Commission meetings were not listed in the News Advocate under Calendar of Area Events? Staff will notify the paper of the Planning Commission meetings.

The Planning Commission has a worksession scheduled for Thursday, September 17, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.

Commissioners were reminded that the next meeting of the Planning Commission will be on Thursday, October 8, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers. This meeting was changed because staff will be attending the MAP Conference on October 1, 2009.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION by Tony Slawinski, seconded by Lind Albee that the meeting be adjourned. Motion passed unanimously.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:55 P.M.

MANISTEE PLANNING COMMISSION

Denise J. Blakeslee, Recording Secretary