

CITY OF MANISTEE PLANNING COMMISSION WORKSESSION

NOTES OF FEBRUARY 18, 2010

The City of Manistee Planning Commission met in a worksession on Thursday, February 18, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 70 Maple Street, Manistee, Michigan.

Members Present: Linda Albee, Maureen Barry, Dave Crockett, Ray Fortier, Eric Gustad, Tony Slawinski

Members Absent: Harlo Haines (excused), Nathaniel Neider, Roger Yoder (excused)

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

Worksession began at 7:03 p.m.

WORKSESSION ITEMS

Ordinance Amendment - Waterfront District

The Planning Commission continued review of proposed changes to the Waterfront District. Discussed if uses that were proposed to be deleted should be moved to a Special Use that requires Key Street Frontage. A copy of amendments for both will be prepared for the Commission to review at the March Meeting. Hopes are to hold a public hearing in April.

Design Standards could be done at a later date for the Peninsula. A walkthrough of the area will be scheduled in the spring.

Misc.

Conflicts in the Sign Ordinance

Several incidents in the past week resulted in staff reviewing several sections of the ordinance as it relates to signs. Conflicts were discovered and brought to the Planning Commission for discussion.

Jon Rose spoke of a policy he has developed until the ordinance is fixed. Filer Township has similar issues and the Planning Commission suggested members of the Ordinance Re-Write Committee offer to meet with members of the Filer Planning Commission to see if similar ordinances could be developed. It would make enforcement easier if the policies were the same or similar since the municipalities adjoin each other.

ADJOURN

The Worksession adjourned at approximately 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Denise J. Blakeslee, Recording Secretary