

Manistee City Planning Commission

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MEETING MINUTES

November 5, 1987

The regular meeting of the Manistee City Planning Commission was held on Thursday, November 5th, 1987 at 7:15 P.M. in Room 206, Second Floor Conference Room, City Hall, 70 Maple Street, Manistee, Michigan.

The meeting was called to order at 7:20 P.M. by Chairman Robert Mattice.

MEMBERS PRESENT: J. Faher, D. Johnson, R. Mattice, R. Metcalf, D. Sullivan
R. Yoder

MEMBER ABSENT: L. Laskey, W. Linke, A. Slawinski

OTHERS PRESENT: None

It was moved by Yoder, supported by Faher that the minutes from the October 1st meeting be approved. MOTION CARRIED.

Next, Mattice summarized the input from public hearing concerning the proposed rezoning of a parcel of property on the Southwest corner of 12th & Cherry. Discussion of the question followed. It was moved by Faher, supported by Sullivan, that the request be approved and that we make recommendation to the City Council that they approve also. MOTION CARRIED.

Next, discussion of the Lakeview Dunes project in light of City Council action. It was decided to schedule a public hearing during our December 3rd meeting to obtain public opinion, if any, on the sale of the property. It was moved by Yoder, supported by Metcalf, that we advertise for bids to plat the property as soon as the subcommittee of Sullivan and Johnson can be sure all of the data that will be needed by the bidders will be available. MOTION CARRIED.

Next, the Master Plan was discussed. Copies of the colored maps were disbursed. Discussion followed concerning Schindler's critique and the November 12th joint meeting with Gray, City Council, Planning Commission and DDA.

Next, in regards to the M55 property, Johnson read a letter received from the Manistee County Planning Commission in regards to the purchase request from Dennis Skiera for the development of a trailer park. The County Planning Commission is opposed to the project in that area. It was decided to send Mr. Skiera a copy of the letter along with a letter outlining the status of his request.

Faher gave an update on the DDA. He informed us that the Riverwalk Project has been dropped by the state for grant consideration this year. It was decided to send a letter to the City Manager advising him that in light of the Riverwalk Project being dropped from consideration for grant funding, the Planning Commission has identified two projects which should be considered for grant funding. The projects are Manistee City Parks Revitalization and Planning and a Boat Launch and Park area on Manistee Lake at 12th Street. The planning procession for the grant application(s) should start now. That he organize the various groups that should be involved in the grant application, e.g. Parks, Harbor and Planning Commission.

There was no report from the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Johnson gave an update on the Site Plan Review Committee.

Next an update was given by the Historic Overlay District Committee in regards to the Millikens and Kolk projects.

It was decided to check with Kurt Schindler to see if there was a way to amend the B-1 District Schedule which would prevent the construction of more pole barns in the General Business District.

Next, guidelines for the sale of city owned property was discussed. Mattice indicated that he would work with the city manager on the matter and report back next meeting.

Next, Johnson read a letter from the city manager asking us and the Harbor Commission to write a set of guidelines for the development of city owned harbor frontage and have them ready so that they could be presented to the city council in December. It was decided to send a letter to the manager advising him that the area in question is too valuable to act quickly and that a joint meeting of the Planning and Harbor Commissions will be needed to study the matter further.

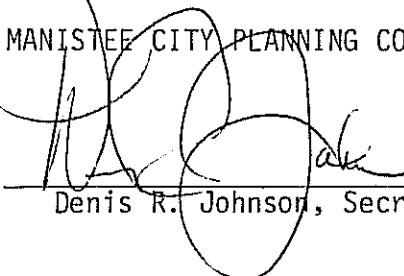
Mattice gave an update on the possible sale of the Northshore Property and indicated that a P.U.D. designation of the area would be helpful for the development. It was moved by Sullivan, supported by Yoder, that the necessary arrangements be made to arrange for the public hearings to provide P.U.D. to the Northshore area.
MOTION CARRIED.

Next, Mattice commented on the state of repair and junk in the yards of homes along the highway entering both ends of town and the bad impression this leaves with visitors. It was decided to send a letter to the city manager asking him if appropriate ordinances are on the books to address the matter and if so, are they enforceable.

Next, discussion followed concerning the proposed sour gas pipeline from Muskegon to the sweetening plant in Brown Township and other drilling plans in the area. It was decided to contact the city manager to determine the status of gas/oil ordinance the planning commission proposed to the city council about two years ago. Also to advise him that we do have a special use ordinance prepared that could be adopted to address the oil/gas development within the city.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:10 P.M.

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Denis R. Johnson, Secretary