

CITY OF MANISTEE PLANNING COMMISSION WORKSESSION

NOTES OF November 18, 2010

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

Members Present: Maureen Barry, Dave Crockett, Bill Dean, Ray Fortier, Eric Gustad, Marlene McBride, Nathaniel Neider,

Members Absent: Linda Albee, (excused), Roger Yoder (excused)

Others Present: Jodi Fletcher (Manistee News Advocate) Jon Rose (Community Development Director) and Denise Blakeslee (Planning & Zoning)

Worksession began at 7:03 p.m.

WORKSESSION ITEMS

Medical Marihuana

The Commissioners discussed buffer zones for two levels of licensing. A PowerPoint was shown with 250 foot, 500 foot and 1,000 foot buffers for schools, churches and parks. The ordinance also included buffers for Adult Uses and Another Caregiver. The consensus from the commission was as follows:

Level 1 License (12 plants or less)

No buffering requirements

Level 2 License (13 - 60 plants - 72 plants if the caregiver is also a patient)

Schools	-	1,000 foot Buffer
Churches	-	250 foot Buffer/or no Buffer at all
Parks	-	250 foot Buffer
Adult Use	-	1,000 Foot Buffer
Another Caregiver	-	250 Foot Buffer

Commissioner Neider would prefer Consolidation -vs- Dispersion.

Commissioner Crockett wanted the City Attorney's opinion - What are the advantage and disadvantages of licensure as we are discussing versus a simple ordinance such as Niles Michigan?

Misc.

Ms. Blakeslee told the members of the Commission that the Planning for the New Economy Workshop has been postponed. She will inform the commission when it is rescheduled.

ADJOURN

The Worksession adjourned at approximately 8:28 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Denise J. Blakeslee, Recording Secretary