

MANISTEE CITY PLANNING COMMISSION

70 Maple Street
P.O. Box 358
Manistee, Michigan 49660

MEETING MINUTES

August 3, 1995

The regular monthly meeting of the Manistee City Planning Commission was held on August 3, 1995 at 7:00 PM in the City Council Chambers at City Hall, 70 Maple Street, Manistee, Michigan.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Chairman, R. Yoder.

MEMBERS PRESENT: R. Bauman, , M. Fatke, , J. Gavliniski, K. Harless, J. Lakos, R. Yoder
A. Slawinski

MEMBERS ABSENT: D. Johnson, R. Franckowiak

OTHERS PRESENT: Jon Rose (City Code Administrator)
Denise Jensen (City Office)
Bob Turek (WMTE)
Erika Mariona (News Advocate)
Jeff Mikula (Harbor Village)

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

There were no public hearing on the agenda.

SITE PLAN REVIEWS:

Dunes Observation Deck

Jon Rose presented the Harbor Village site plan for a proposed observation deck to be located on Lot 7 of the Dunes Subdivision. The observation deck will serve as a marketing tool to show prospective buyers the view which would exist from a home located in the Dunes Subdivision. It will be a temporary structure constructed from treated wood. Mr. Jim Mikula of Harbor Village responded to questions from Commission members. It was moved by A. Slawinski, supported by K. Harless that the Site Plan be approved for temporary construction of an observation deck on Lot 7. The motion was unanimously approved.

CITIZEN QUESTIONS AND CONCERNS:

There were no citizen questions or concerns expressed from those present at the meeting.

MINUTES:

It was moved by K. Harless, supported by A. Slawinski, that minutes of the July 28, 1995 meeting be approved. The motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

LISC:

Jon Rose advised that demonstration of the initial version of the LIS will likely occur in September. The benefits of preparing the LIS so that it could be accessed by Internet users was discussed. That possibility will be discussed with the developers during the upcoming demonstration.

CITY UPDATE:

Jon Rose provided the following City update: review by City management of an existing commitment to provide a barrier between the Industrial Park and Oak Grove Cemetery is progressing; a decision has been made by the DDA to drop plans for Riverwalk East if a majority of voters reject the proposed bonding during the referendum vote in November; due to high bids MDOT will rebid 1st and Maple Street work for possible construction next spring; negotiations are underway with Sand Products for possible lease of all of their property surrounding Man Made Lake; a new bike shop has opened; a grant has been requested for the upgrade of old US 31, and the extension of 24th Street has been started. He also summarized the status of Corps of Engineer work on the First Street piers. In response to a question he advised that development of a new restaurant on Arthur Street, and a new storage facility on Cypress Street are on hold.

D.D.A. REPORT:

J. Gavilinski discussed the DDA decision to abandon riverwalk plans if a no vote is received during the November election. The DDA rejected a proposal by one member to proceed with a different design if voters reject the bond issue. Their message is very clear - a no vote will cancel completion of the riverwalk.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS REPORT:

There was no meeting during the past month.

SITE PLAN REVIEW/HISTORIC OVERLAY COMMITTEE REPORT:

There was no meeting during the past month.

ORDINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT:

There was no meeting during the past month.

OIL AND GAS REPORT:

R. Bauman discussed the apparent lack of a detailed emergency evacuation plan for the proposed pipeline from the new Cherry Street gas well. The City must issue a permit for installation of the pipeline, therefore Mr. Bauman proposed that the Planning Commission approve the following motion, "The Planning Commission recommends that a permit for the installation of a pipeline serving the natural gas well on Cherry Street not be issued by the City until the City is advised by an independent expert that all procedures associated with the well and the pipeline which could effect public safety, including but not limited to evacuation procedures, are adequate". The motion was supported by J. Gavilinski and was passed unanimously. To avoid a conflict of interest, M. Fatke abstained from voting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Land Purchase:

The Manistee County Humane Society is selling 20 acres of land adjacent to City property near M 55. Following discussion of possible purchase to enhance existing City property for industrial use, it was moved by A. Slawinski, supported by J. Gavlinski to recommend to the Council that the property be obtained by the City. The motion passed unanimously.

Restoring Two-way Traffic on River Street:

In response to a request from the Downtown Merchants Association, the City Manager has asked the Planning Commission to evaluate restoration of two-way traffic on River Street. A special committee consisting of J. Gavlinski, K. Harless and M. Fatke was appointed to study the issue and make recommendations to the Commission.

WORK SESSION:

There was no work session on the meeting agenda.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, it was moved by A. Slawinski supported by J. Lakos, that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.

MANISTEE CITY PLANNING COMMISSION



Ronald C. Bauman, Secretary

