

CITY OF MANISTEE PLANNING COMMISSION WORKSESSION

NOTES OF January 20, 2011

The City of Manistee Planning Commission met in a worksession on Thursday, January 20, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in the Manistee High School Commons, 525 Twelfth Street, Manistee, Michigan.

Members Present: Linda Albee, Dave Crockett, Bill Dean, Ray Fortier, Eric Gustad, Nathaniel Neider, Roger Yoder

Members Absent: Maureen Barry(excused), Marlene McBride (excused)

Others Present: Jeff Mikula and Staff (Abonmarche), Jon Rose (Community Development Director), Denise Blakeslee (Planning & Zoning) and Others

Worksession began at 7:00 p.m.

WORKSESSION ITEMS

Cedar Street Sewer Separation Project Presentation

The Planning Commission hosted the Cedar Street Sewer Separation Project Neighborhood Meeting at the Manistee High School Commons. Over 400 letters were sent to property owners and occupants in the area. Jeff Mikula made delivered a PowerPoint presentation for the Cedar Street Sewer Separation Project.

Questions/Comments from Public relating to the closing of the Angle Street and Cedar Street Hill were addressed by Jon Rose and Jeff Mikula

Q. Will the sidewalk be retained on Cedar Street Hill?

A. Plan is to retain the sidewalk and utility easements.

Q. Will the Cedar Street Hill still be available for sledding?

A. That would depend if the property reverts to the adjoining property owners or if the Street is abandoned and the City retains ownership

Q. What is the hurry to close these streets? Why not take more time to research and close in a few years?

A. The time to address would be during the construction so that streets are not replaced then removed later.

Q. Why don't you keep Cedar Street hill?

A. The grade of the hill cannot be designed to meet safety design requirements without creating severe impacts on adjoining properties.

Q. There are other hills that are as steep; why are they still being used?

A. Abonmarche did not work on those projects, safety is the issue.

Q. Then why not leave it alone and do nothing?

A. The pavement has to be removed to install new pipes.

C. The sidewalk on the hill is slippery when wet.

C. People come from all over to use the hill for sliding. We want to keep the sliding hill.

C. People in the neighborhood use the hill to get to First Street.

The Public was invited to attend the Public Hearing that the Planning Commission will hold on February 3, 2011 for the Street Vacation.

ADJOURN

The Worksession adjourned at approximately 8:10 p.m.

After the Worksession a Breakout Session to address individual property owners' concerns was held.

Respectfully Submitted

Denise J. Blakeslee, Recording Secretary