

MANISTEE CITY PLANNING COMMISSION

70 Maple Street
Manistee, MI 49660

MEETING MINUTES

November 7, 1996

A regular meeting of the Manistee City Planning Commission was held on November 7, 1996 at 7:00 p.m. in City Hall, 70 Maple Street, Manistee, Michigan.

MEMBERS PRESENT: John Lakos, Kristie Harless, Tony Slawinski, Mike Fatke, Roger Yoder, John Serocki

MEMBERS LATE: Richard Franckowiak

MEMBERS ABSENT: Vacant positions

OTHERS PRESENT: Code Administrator Jon Rose, Councilman Ray Fortier, Jeff Mikula, Homer Ramsdell, Julie Beardslee, Rob Keast (Media), Jacque Wallace

Chairman Yoder called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

SITE PLAN REVIEW:

Rose reviewed a site plan submitted by Mr. John Minelli for lot splits and combination. After discussion MOTION was made by Slawinski, support by Lakos to recommend to the City Council that a lot split and combination for parcels #51-51-270-714-01 and #51-51-270-715-01 be approved as submitted on the drawing. All voted in favor.

Rose reviewed a site plan submitted by Robert Horvat for motel elevations. After discussion it was determined that the requested elevation fell within the requirements for this area. MOTION was made by Harless, support by Lakos to approve the requested motel elevations for Robert Horvat. All voted in favor.

Ramsdell presented a site plan on behalf of Bill Shales and the VFW for a proposed flag pole at Douglas Park. Project would be funded by donations through the VFW, including furnishing the flags. The Parks Commission has approved this project. After discussion MOTION was made by Serocki, support by Slawinski to approve the flag pole site plan for Douglas Park as submitted. All voted in favor.

MINUTES:

MOTION was made by Lakos, support by Harless, that minutes of the October 17, 1996 meeting be approved. The motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Mikula distributed handouts showing options/ideas for a bike path through the Cherry Street Project area. Requested input from the Commission on bike paths throughout the City, especially in those areas slated for future sewer separation and road reconstruction work. After discussion, a committee was appointed consisting of Mike Fatke, Jacque Wallace, Jeff Mikula, one Parks Commission member, and possibly one more citizen representing the local bike shops. The first meeting of the committee was scheduled for Thursday, November 21, 1996 at 7:00 p.m., City Hall. First objective of the committee will be to draft bike routes throughout the City.

CITY UPDATE:

Rose reported that all the sheet pile is in for Riverwalk East and project is progressing. M-55 Planning Committee continues to meet on a regular basis. Effective Renaissance Zone presentation was made to the State last Friday. Positive comments on Man-Made Lake parking lot and advised that we are waiting on a survey for the north access before further plans can be made. Brief update on blight issues, Ambar construction.

REPORTS:

DDA Report - Lakos attended yesterday's DDA meeting and reported that they discussed Riverwalk East project, proposed budget for the next year, and a meeting scheduled with Hyett Palma.

Zoning Board of Appeals - Met last Monday and approved a height variance request for a satellite dish for Q-101 Radio Station.

Site Plan Review/Historic Overlay Committee - No meetings this past month. Last month they discussed construction issues for Harbor Village and Stage/Milliken signs.

NEW BUSINESS:

Language for a Wellhead Protection amendment to the Zoning Ordinance was presented. Wellfield delineation has been completed and now our water supply should be given additional protection through the Zoning Ordinance. Fortier brought up a concern regarding possible contamination by the proposed gas pipeline. After discussion, it was determined that further review was warranted. MOTION by Slawinski, support by Serocki that this item be tabled until the next regular session. All voted in favor.

Language was submitted for an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance for a Renaissance Zone. After discussion MOTION was made by Harless, support by Franckowiak to recommend adoption to the City Council of an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance adding Renaissance Zone language. All voted in favor.

After review of proposed meeting dates for 1997, MOTION was made by Franckowiak, support by Slawinski to approve the list of meeting dates for 1997, as amended; and instruct the Code Administrator to prepare required notices. It was noted that the Old Christmas Weekend activities would conflict with the next meeting date so it was changed from Thursday, December 5 to Wednesday, December 4, 1996 at 7:00 p.m.

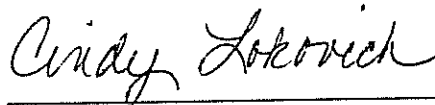
Yoder advised that he just received a copy of a Parks Commission Master Plan. No other members had received a copy. Copies will be made for review and consideration at the next meeting.

Slawinski requested an excused absence from the Planning Commission for the next 150 days. After discussion MOTION was made by Lakos, support by Serocki to excuse Slawinski for the next 150 days and forward this request to the City Council as a requirement of the bylaws. All voted in favor.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, MOTION was made by Slawinski, support by Franckowiak that the meeting adjourn at 8:26 p.m. All voted in favor.

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Cindy Lokovich, Acting Secretary

