

MANISTEE CITY PLANNING COMMISSION

70 Maple Street
Manistee, MI 49660

WORKSESSION NOTES

September 17, 1998

A Joint Worksession of the Manistee City Planning Commission and Filer Charter Township Planning Commission was held on Thursday, September 17, 1998 at 7:00 p.m. at the County Board Room, County Courthouse, 415 Third Street, Manistee, Michigan.

**MANISTEE CITY PLANNING
COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Ray Fortier, Kristie Harless, Bob Hornkohl, John Lakos
John Serocki, Tony Slawinski, Roger Yoder

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COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Mike Fatke, Cyndy Fuller

**FILER CHARTER TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION
MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Joe Adamski, Don Alfred, Shirley Ball, Jennifer Williams

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PLANNING COMMISSION
MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Cliff Adamski, Beryl Ambergey, Ken Sielski

OTHERS PRESENT:

Teresa Hughes (Filer Charter Township Zoning Administrator), Kurt Schindler (County Planner), Jon Rose (Community Development Officer), and Denise Mikula (City of Manistee)

County Planner Kurt Schindler presided over the worksession. Worksession began at 7:02 p.m.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

None

NEW BUSINESS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

Twelfth Street extension from Maple Street/Road to Cherry Street/Road

Jon Rose gave background information on meetings held in 1993 on the possible extension of Twelfth Street from Maple Street/Road to Cherry Street/Road. A map from the previous meeting showed areas where the City would be able to supply sewer connections with the extension of existing gravity mains. The map also showed areas where land would need to be acquired for the road extension.

Discussion showed similarities in zoning between the neighboring municipalities. The Road Commission would need to be involved in the road extension. Possibility of obtaining grant funding for a joint effort.

A subcommittee will be formed of six members with three representatives from each Planning Commission who will be appointed at their next regularly scheduled meeting. Jon Rose will supply copies of the minutes from the previous meetings for the committees review.

City Sewer extension into Filer Charter Township

Discussion was held on the possibility of extending City sewer into Filer Charter Township. A potential developer of Senior Housing is looking at a site in Filer Charter Township for a development of a 60 single and 40 assisted living units. The developer is interest in obtaining City Water and Sewer connections for this project.

Consensus from the members of the Manistee City Planning Commission and Filer Charter Township Planning Commission will be to discuss making recommendations to begin discussion of possible extension of City Sewer into Filer Charter Township.

Variance for building height and comparison of building heights

The City of Manistee has received three similar requests for height variances in their Industrial District. Kurt Schindler prepared and handed out a Comparison of Building Heights in Manistee County Municipal Zoning Ordinances. The comparison shows that the City of Manistee and Eastlake are the lowest with a height limitation of 30 feet. Other communities show a height limitation of 35 or 40 feet.

Proposed Manistee County Solid Waste Plan of 1998/9

Kurt Schindler passed out a summary of the Manistee County Solid Waste Management Plan. The plan was developed by inter county coordination. Manistee was one of seven communities who hired one consultant who developed the plan. The plan began a three month public comment phase which will end on December 16, 1998. The plan needs a 2/3 endorsement from the municipalities within the county if the plan does not received the endorsement the Department of Environmental Quality will write a plan for Manistee County.

Discussion on how the landfill is managed, recycling, hauling and contracts with neighboring communities in the event the land fill were to close and how Solid Waste facilities are not subject to local zoning regulations. The current life expectancy of our land fill is 88 years.

A copy of the Manistee County Solid Waste Plan will be forwarded to the heads of each municipality for review and endorsement.

Other Business:

Bob Hornkohl is a member of the Streetscape Design Committee and gave information on the planned streetscape plan for downtown Manistee. The plan would develop River Street from Division Street to Pine Street. The possible change from parallel parking on both sides of the street to angle parking on the northside of the street with two lanes of one way traffic. Plans include bumpouts, kiosks and a possible change at the triangle at the end of River Street. The Streetscape Design Committee meets the first and third Thursday of

the Month at 7:00 a.m. at City Hall and anyone interest in looking at the plan a copy is available at City Hall.

Kristie Harless asked about the City Compost area and if any type of berm is being built so it would not be visible from Red Apple Road. Mr. Rose said that the City is working on a wall constructed out of discarded sidewalk as time permits.

Roger Yoder thanked the members from both Planning Commission on attending the worksession.

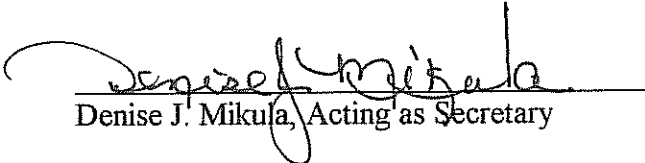
Joe Adamski asked when Cherry Road from Twelfth Street to Merkey Road was going to be fixed. Jon Rose said cost estimates for rebuilding the road have been obtained from the engineers, but the City will only continue to repair the road until funds are available for reconstruction.

Another worksession has been scheduled for January 21, 1999 with Filer Charter Township Planning Commission and Manistee City Planning Commission. An invitation will be extended to Manistee Township Zoning Board also. Location of the meeting will be determined at a later date. Mr. Schindler will preside over the worksession.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further discussion the worksession closed at 8:55 p.m.

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Denise J. Mikula, Acting as Secretary