

MANISTEE CITY PLANNING COMMISSION

70 Maple Street
Manistee, MI 49660

WORKSESSION NOTES

January 21, 1999

A Joint Worksession of the Manistee City Planning Commission, Filer Charter Township Planning Commission and Manistee Township Zoning Board was held on Thursday, January 21, 1999 at 7:00 p.m. in the Meeting Room at Manistee Inn and Marina, 378 River Street, Manistee, Michigan.

**MANISTEE CITY PLANNING
COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Ray Fortier, Cyndy Fuller, Kristie Harless, Bob Hornkohl,
John Lakos, John Serocki, Roger Yoder

**MANISTEE CITY PLANNING
COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Mike Fatke, Tony Slawinski

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

Don Alfred, Cliff Adamski, Beryl Amberg, Shirley Ball,
Ken Sielski, Jennifer Williams

**MANISTEE TOWNSHIP ZONING
BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Jack Dinsen, John Zielinski

**MANISTEE TOWNSHIP ZONING
BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:**

James Baker, John Dunlap, Dennis Switalski

OTHERS PRESENT:

R. Ben Bifoss (City Manager - City of Manistee), James
Espvik (Supervisor - Filer Charter Township), Linda Finout
(Manistee County Planning Commission), Teresa Hughes
(Zoning Administrator - Filer Charter Township), Robert
Marble (Zoning Administrator - Manistee Township), Denise
Mikula (Support Staff - City of Manistee), Jon R. Rose
(Community Development Officer - City of Manistee), and
Kurt Schindler (County Planner)

County Planner Kurt Schindler presided over the worksession. Worksession began at 7:00 p.m. Introductions were made by the people in attendance.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS AND REPORTS:

Master Plan Updates:

The City of Manistee and Filer Township are both in the process of updating their current Master Plan. Manistee Township does not have a Master Plan at this time. Discussion was held on investigating the three communities to work together on this project. Filer Township has asked for assistance from the County Planning Office in updating their plan. The City has decided to slow down on updating their plan to incorporate the census data from the 2000 census. Preliminary census data would be available 2001 with detailed data available 2002. This item will be readdressed at the next worksession after each community has time to review the options.

Proposed Zoning around *Gaaching Ziibi Daawaa Anishanaabe* Casino Site and *Grand Traverse Development Guidebook*:

Kurt Shindler discussed the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians plan to build a casino on M-22. This property has been put into Federal Trust and township zoning will no longer apply. The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians will determine their own zoning and planning regulations. The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians are using the Grand Traverse Development Guidebook as their model for this development. Discussion on the projected one million people visiting the casino per year and the impact on neighboring communities.

Twelfth Street Update:

Both the City of Manistee and Filer Charter Township Planning Commission have appointed members to a Committee to discuss the possible extension of Twelfth Street. A meeting will be scheduled in the near future.

Renaissance Park Update:

Jon Rose discussed the sale of lots A & B in Renaissance Park to Elmer's. Construction on the park is complete except for paving and installation of the lift station which should be complete once the winter weather is over. Now that infrastructure is in place it will be easier to sell parcels within the park. The Economic Development Office is working jointly with the state in advertising the sites within the park. Background information on Renaissance Designation and the tax credits received for businesses locating within the zone was given.

Eastlake Mobile Home Park Update:

Ben Bifoss gave an update on the Eastlake Mobile Home Park. Armstrong Development has cleared the site for a 300 unit mobile home park in Eastlake. They will be connecting to City Water and Sewer and will be able to move people in as soon as this summer. Armstrong Development will be putting in a sales office on M-55 & US 31.

Other Business:

None

NEW BUSINESS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

Wellhead Protection Plan updates and New City well at the Airport and Wellhead Protection for that well:

Beryl Amberg discussed the Wellhead Protection Plans that Filer Charter Township, City of Manistee and Kaleva have in place. All three municipalities get drinking water from the same aquifer. Discussion on the need to continue education on the importance of protecting our water supply, avoiding contaminants and training for emergency response units in the event of a spill. The communities have applied for a grant to continue this work.

Jon Rose spoke of the new City well located by the Airport. This well is located in Manistee Township and the City would like to discuss wellhead protection with Manistee Township for this well.

Ben Bifoss spoke on the brine spill by the City Well Field in Filer Township. This is a problem but not a crisis. Mr. Bifoss thanked Filer Charter Township on their offer to assist in any way possible.

Solid Waste Plan:

Kurt Schindler discussed the Solid Waste Plan that the County has been working on. If the plan does not receive 2/3 endorsement from the municipalities in the County the DEQ will take action and write a plan for the County. Discussion was held on solid waste and the management of the land fill, recycling and the success of the roll-off recycling bin that was located in Onekama.

Economic Strategy Plan, Easy Access for permits:

Not discussed.

Other Business:

Ben Bifoss gave an update on the Streetscape Plan. The City will be doing a sewer separation project in 1999 - 2000 that includes five intersections of River Street. The DDA has formed a Streetscape Committee that has hired M.C. Smith and Associates to design a new streetscape plan for the downtown. The Streetscape includes angle parking, a clock, water fountain, and arches. The Streetscape will start at Jones Street traveling River Street west to Spruce Street. Total project cost is 2.8 million dollars. Funding is coming from the City, a special assessment, revenue bonds and possible grants. A decision on whether to proceed will need to be reached within the next 60 days.

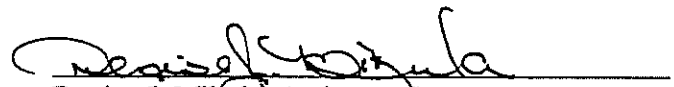
Other Business:

Another joint worksession was scheduled for April 15, 1999 at 7:00 p.m. Location will be determined later.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business the worksession closed at 8:53 p.m.

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Denise J. Mikula, Acting as Secretary