

MANISTEE CITY PLANNING COMMISSION
70 Maple Street
Manistee, MI 49660

MEETING MINUTES

May 4, 2000

A meeting of the Manistee City Planning Commission was held on Thursday, May 4, 2000 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 70 Maple Street, Manistee, Michigan.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ray Fortier, Kristie Harless, Bob Hornkohl, John Lakos, Phil Picardat, John Serocki, Roger Yoder

MEMBERS ABSENT: Tony Slawinski

OTHERS PRESENT: Tim Fogarty (Ace Hardware), Harlan Meister (Ace Hardware), Duane Nugent (Society for the Preservation of the City of Milwaukee) Jon Rose (Community Development) and Denise Mikula (City Staff)

Meeting was open at 7:01 p.m. by Chairman Roger Yoder.

PUBLIC HEARING:

None

CITIZEN QUESTIONS AND CONCERNS:

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOTION by John Lakos, seconded by Kristie Harless, that the minutes of the April 6, 2000 Planning Commission Meeting be approved. Motion approved unanimously.

Chairman Yoder asked if the deadlines for Lighthouse Landings have been met. Mr. Rose said that they have met all of their deadlines.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Ace Hardware - Site Plan Review

A request has been received from Ace Hardware, 1425 U.S. 31 South, Manistee for a Lumber Yard on parcel #51-51-770-704-01. A Special Use Permit was issued in September 1997 and a variance to reduce the front-yard set-back from 58 feet from the centerline to 53 feet was granted by the Zoning Board of Appeals in April 1999. Staff review of the proposed lumber yard shows that the requirements of the Zoning Ordinance has been met.

MOTION by Ray Fortier, seconded by John Lakos that the Site Plan from Ace Hardware for the construction of Phase 1, Phase 2 and Phase 3 of a Lumber Yard on Parcel 51-51-770-704-01 be approved. Motion passed unanimously.

Society for the Preservation of the S.S. City of Milwaukee - Site Plan Review

A request has been received from the Society for the Preservation of the S.S. City of Milwaukee for Site Plan Review. The society will be working on the restoration of the Car Ferry and will be giving interpretive tours. Review of the Site Plan shows that the requirements of the Zoning Ordinance have been met.

Duane Nugent, Secretary of the Society for the Preservation of the City of Milwaukee said that the boat will be moored along the shore near the old Century Boat facility. They have provided for a fire lane with parking located behind the fire lane. Last years tours averaged 100 people a day. Lights will be installed and a ticket office will be located on the boat. Cost will be \$6.00 an adult and \$4.00 per child or a family membership for \$25.00. Hours of operation will be early afternoon until around 6:00 p.m. Gates will be locked when tours are not being held and they have a security system on the boat. They have their own port-a-potty and at a future date they hope to activate some restroom facilities on the boat. The Boat is listed as a National Historic Monument.

A memo was read from Jon Rose which states that Ship and Boat Building and Repairing is under the Standard Industrial Classification 373. Tour Operations is under the Standard Industrial Classification 4725. Both of these Standard Industrial Classifications are included in the Permitted Uses in the I-2 Zoning District.

MOTION by Bob Hornkohl, seconded by Kristie Harless that the Site Plan for the S.S. City of Milwaukee Car Ferry be approved. Motion passed unanimously.

OTHER COMMUNICATIONS:

Jon Rose handed out a letter that was sent from Don Alfred, Secretary of the Charter Township of Filer Planning Commission to Jim Espvik regarding discussion of City sewer service to the township. A letter has been prepared from Jon Rose to Don Alfred with some clarification of the discussion.

A letter has been prepared from Bob Hornkohl, Secretary of the City of Manistee Planning Commission to Ben Bifoss regarding the discussion of the City of Manistee providing sewer service to the township.

MOTION by Ray Fortier, seconded by John Serocki that the attached letter from Bob Hornkohl to Ben Bifoss be signed and delivered to the City Manager. Motion passed unanimously.

WORK/STUDY SESSION:

The next worksession is scheduled for Thursday, May 18, 2000. The Planning Commission will tour the City on a Dial-A-Ride bus and stop at different areas of concern which include: Harbor Village, Lighthouse Landings, North Beach Access, current road construction projects. Duane Nugent from the S.S. City of Milwaukee said that they would be happy to provide a tour of the boat.

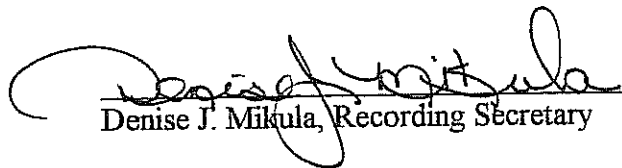
To provide more daylight for the tour the time of the worksession has been moved to begin at 6:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION by Kristie Harless, seconded by John Serocki that the meeting be adjourned. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

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Denise J. Mikula, Recording Secretary

