

MANISTEE CITY PLANNING COMMISSION

JOINT WORKSESSION NOTES

April 20, 2000

A Joint Worksession of the Manistee City Planning Commission and Charter Township of Filer Planning Commission was held on Thursday, April 20, 2000 at 7:00 p.m. at the Charter Township of Filer, Township Hall, 2505 Filer City Road, Manistee, Michigan

CITY OF MANISTEE

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

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MEMBERS ABSENT: Tony Slawinski, Roger Yoder

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FILER

MEMBERS PRESENT: Shirley Ball, Don Alfred, Phil Peralta, Ken Sielski

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MEMBERS LATE: Cliff Adamski

OTHERS PRESENT: Helen Grabowski (Charter Township of Filer - Zoning Administrator), Jon Rose (Community Development), Denise Mikula (City Staff)

Worksession began at 7:03 p.m.

Sewer

Discussed the plan that Ludington and Pere Marquette use for sewer and water costs. There is no payment in lieu of taxes the City of Ludington wholesales the cost and Pier Marquette and they installed and maintain the sewer and water lines.

Midland Urban Growth Area (MUGA) plan would not wholesale to potential development areas. They would only wholesale to already developed areas that don't have any conflict in terms of creating new tax base.

The Oak Hill area is currently served through septic systems and an alternative will be needed. Discussed the possibility of using the area as a trial area to wholesale sewer service without the payment in lieu of taxes

since the area is totally built out and does not pose any conflict in terms of tax base potential.

Alternatives for costs were discussed and both Planning Commissions will send a letter to encourage a meeting regarding sewer service and the possibility of using the Oak Hill area as a pilot project. A copy of the Ludington Pere Marquette plan will be enclosed as an attachment.

Lake Frontage

Anne Stanton from the Michigan Land Institute has a grant for Coastal Protection of endangered species. Ms. Stanton was not able to attend the Charter Township of Filer Planning Commission meeting. Both communities will look at possible grant opportunities as they arise.

Misc.

Charter Township of Filer has installed new lighting along the U.S. 31 corridor. Phil Peralta asked if the City would be interested in the same type of lighting to continue through the City. They have received many compliments on the lighting and would like to see it continued possibly through the City and Manistee Township as far as the M-22 Junction.

There is a need to improve Cherry Street from Twelfth Street south to Merkey Road. The City has applied for money from MDOT to renovate this portion of Cherry Street. The School has also applied for funds from the Local Revenue Sharing Board to continue Twelfth Street from Cherry Street to the new High School. Part of the plan will be to continue the bike paths that we have on the new portion of Cherry also.

Discussed the new High School and plans that are currently underway.

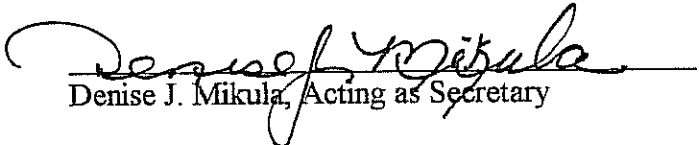
John Serocki gave an update on the Ramsdell Theatre and the renovations that are underway.

Jon Rose spoke about the Citizen Survey that the City has concluded and the current work being the City Planning Commission has reviewed the current Master Plan.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

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Denise J. Mikula, Acting as Secretary