

CITY OF MANISTEE PLANNING COMMISSION

70 Maple Street
Manistee, MI 49660

MEETING MINUTES

June 4, 2015

A meeting of the Manistee City Planning Commission was held on Thursday, June 4, 2015 at 7pm in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 70 Maple Street, Manistee, Michigan.

Meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm by Chair Yoder

Roll Call:

Members Present: Maureen Barry, Ray Fortier, Marlene McBride, Roger Yoder

Members Absent: Judd Brown (excused), Bill Dean (excused), Mark Wittlieff (excused)

Others: Denise Blakeslee (Planning & Zoning Administrator)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Ray Fortier, seconded by Maureen Barry that the agenda be approved as prepared.

With a Roll Call vote this motion passed 4 to 0.

Yes: Barry, Fortier, McBride, Yoder
No: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Ray Fortier, seconded by Marlene McBride that the minutes of the May 7, 2015 Planning Commission Meeting be approved as prepared.

With a Roll Call vote this motion passed 4 to 0.

Yes: Fortier, Barry, McBride, Yoder
No: None

PUBLIC HEARING

None

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA RELATED ITEMS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Draft Ordinance Amendment, ADD Section 535 Keeping of Chickens or Ducks

An Ad Hoc Domestic Animals Committee first met in July of 2013 and drafted an amendment to Section 606 Animals of the General Law Ordinances. City Council introduced the Ordinance at the September 2, 2014 meeting. Changes in the Michigan Right to Farm Act and changes in Generally Accepted Agricultural and Management Practice (GAAMP) resulted in the ordinance being placed on hold.

At the January Planning Commission worksession the Commission discussed the changes GAAMP resulted in the need to specify in the Zoning Ordinance if Chickens or Ducks would be permitted. The discussion by the Commission was that chickens or ducks should be allowed in the R-1, R-2 and R-3 Zoning Districts. The regulation and enforcement would be under Section 606 Animals of the General Law Ordinances of the City of Manistee.

Staff drafted language to Section 606 Animals that has been reviewed by the City Attorney and the Ad Hoc Domestic Animals Committee that is being forwarded to the Council Ordinance Committee for their consideration. A component of the Ordinance is the need to provide language in the Zoning Ordinance that specifies the zoning districts where Chickens or Ducks would be permitted.

The language that is proposed is as follows:

535 KEEPING OF CHICKENS OR DUCKS

The keeping of Chickens or Ducks is permitted in the R-1, R-2, and R-3 Districts if conforming to Section 606 Animals of the General Law Ordinances of the City of Manistee.

Motion by Marlene McBride, seconded by Maureen Barry that a Public Hearing be scheduled for a proposed Zoning Amendment that would ADD Section 535 Keeping of Chickens or Ducks to the City of Manistee Zoning Ordinance.

With a Roll Call vote this motion passed 4 to 0.

Yes: Fortier, Barry, McBride, Yoder

No: None

OLD BUSINESS

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

None

CORRESPONDENCE

None

STAFF/SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

Denise Blakeslee, Planning & Zoning Administrator – Spoke about the meeting that is required under the RRC program for City Council and Boards and Commission, prioritizing redevelopment sites, and the Community Build of Rotary Park.

Staff drafted the annual report to City Council for the commissions review. No changes were made; Chair Yoder will give the presentation on July 7th.

The Planning Commission does not have a worksession scheduled for June

The next regular meeting of the Planning Commission will be held on Thursday, July 9, 2015 due to the holiday.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Ray Fortier, seconded by Maureen Barry that the meeting be adjourned. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm

MANISTEE PLANNING COMMISSION

Denise J. Blakeslee, Recording Secretary