

**CITY OF MANISTEE
PARKS AND BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION
MINUTES**

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2011
7:00 P.M.**

Members Present: Mark Tomaszewski, Priscilla Rulison, Ed Teglar, John Rozga, Darci Scott

Members Absent: Ben Kubiak

Also Present: Gary Niesen, Kathie Boyle, Denise Blakeslee, Jon Rose, Mitch Deisch, City of Manistee

Guests: Citizens of Manistee

A regular meeting and **Public Hearing** of the Manistee Parks and Beautification Commission was held on Monday, December 12, 2011 at City Hall – Council Chambers. Meeting was called to order by Chair Ed Teglar at 7:00 p.m.

Approval of Minutes. Motion by Rozga, second by Scott to accept the October 20, 2011 minutes and place on file. Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING ON COMMUNITY RECREATION PLAN 2012-2017

The City of Manistee Parks & Beautification Commission has drafted a Community Recreation Plan for 2012 – 2017. As of October 25, 2011 copies of the plan have been available for review at City Hall, the Manistee County Public Library and on the City of Manistee Web Page.

At this time Chairman Teglar turned meeting over to Blakeslee who presented a power point on the Community Recreation Plan.

Chair Teglar open the meeting to the public for comment on the “Community Recreation Plan”.

Mrs. Ludwigson of 274 Third Avenue read a letter from her son David Ludwigson who has two private parcels on Man Made Lake. Mr. Ludwigson concerns regard property he owns on Man Made Lake, he feels there is a misleading statement and should be more accurately stated. Another concern with his private parcels is the “buffer zone” not accurately shown as his lot. Mr. Ludwigson states that it extends from the water’s edge to the parking lot and would like this to be more accurately indicated.

Commissioners questions were directed to Rose to clarify Mr. Ludwigson’s concerns. After discussion, commission requested that wording be changed on page 7 and page 69 to address these issues. Wording on page 7 shall be changed from “the lake” to “previously leased property” and on page 69 add “There is one remaining privately owned parcel on the lake”.

Regarding Mr. Ludwigson concern on his parcels "buffer zone" not being accurately shown, Rose stated that Abonmarche could illustrate the zone by simply raising the layer on the map to show the extent of privately owned property.

Motion by Rozga, **second** by Scott to adapt the City of Manistee Community Recreation Plan 2012 -2017 with changes to be done by the Community Development office. **Motion carried.**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

None

NEW BUSINESS.

At this time Chair Teglar turned the meeting over to City Manager Deisch. The City Manager stated the Council has been looking at the duties of several City Boards and Commission and the possibility of combing ones with overlapping duties. The City Manager discussed the possibility of combining Parks & Beautification with the Harbor Commission. Deisch ask for the commission to give thought about a new board with a larger scope. Discussion followed. Members requested a joint meeting with the Harbor Commission and along with the Council Ordinance Committee be set up to discuss further. The manager was directed by the board to set up this meeting for mid-to-late January 2012, the manager also agreed to facilitate the meeting.

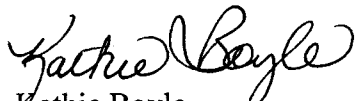
The City Manager thanked the commission on the adoption of the Community Recreation Plan as this is a key document in applying for grants. The City continues to be successful in receiving grants stating two recent grants; one in the amount of \$280,000 for First Street Beach House and another in the amount of \$75,000 for a new Fish Cleaning Station.

Motion by Scott, **second** by Rozga to adjourn at 6:45 p.m.

Next meeting date - a joint meeting with Harbor Commission and City Council Ordinance Committee will be scheduled for mid to late January 2012. I will contact you when I am notified of date and time.

Happy Holidays to you and your family.

Respectfully submitted,



Kathie Boyle
Recording Secretary

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