

CITY OF MANISTEE PLANNING COMMISSION

70 Maple Street
Manistee, MI 49660

MEETING MINUTES

September 3, 2015

A meeting of the Manistee City Planning Commission was held on Thursday, September 3, 2015 at 7pm in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 70 Maple Street, Manistee, Michigan.

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Chair Yoder

Roll Call:

Members Present: Maureen Barry, Judd Brown, Ray Fortier, Marlene McBride, Mark Wittlieff, Roger Yoder

Members Absent: Vacancy

Others: Denise Blakeslee (Planning & Zoning Administrator)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Maureen Barry, seconded by Judd Brown that the agenda be approved with adding under New Business Relocation of original rocket structure currently located at Douglas Park.

With a Roll Call vote this motion passed 5 to 0.

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

Commissioner Wittlieff entered the meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Ray Fortier, seconded by Judd Brown that the minutes of the August 8, 2015 Planning Commission Meeting be approved as prepared.

With a Roll Call vote this motion passed 6 to 0.

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

PUBLIC HEARING

None

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA RELATED ITEMS

None

NEW BUSINESS

PC-2015-02 - Carl & Christine McKee/Thomas & Gaynell Tomaszewski – Parcel Split and Combination Request

A request has been received from Carl & Christine McKee and Thomas & Gaynell Tomaszewski for a Parcel Split and Combination. The McKee's own the home at 433 Elm Street parcel 51-340-717-01 and wish to split the east 60 feet of their parcel which will then be combined with the Tomaszewski's property at 486 Bryant Avenue parcel 51-340-717-07. Since the property has an accessory structure located on it, it must be combined with the Tomaszewski's property.

MOTION by Ray Fortier, seconded by Mark Wittlieff that the Planning Commission recommend to City Council to approve the request from Carl & Christine McKee and Thomas & Gaynell Tomaszewski for a Parcel Split and Combination that would split the east 60 feet of the McKee's parcel 51-340-717-01 which will then be combined with the Tomaszewski's parcel 51-340-717-07.

With a Roll Call vote this motion passed 6 to 0.

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

PC-2015-03 - James & Anna Miller and David & Cynthia Hutton - Parcel Split and Combination Request

A request has been received from for a Parcel Split and Combination from James & Anna Miller and David & Cynthia Hutton. The Miller's own the home at 250 Freemont Street parcel 51-274-708-01 and wish to split the west 8 feet of their parcel which will then be combined with the Hutton's property at 277 Second Avenue parcel 51-274-708-03.

MOTION by Mark Wittlieff, seconded by Marlene McBride that the Planning Commission recommend to City Council to approve the request from James & Anna Miller and David & Cynthia Hutton for a Parcel Split and Combination that would split the west 8 feet of the Miller's parcel 51-274-708-01 which will then be combined with the Hutton's parcel 51-274-708-03.

With a Roll Call vote this motion passed 6 to 0.

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

Relocation of original Rocket Structure currently located at Douglas Park.

The Parks Commission has been trying to determine what to do with the original rocket slide structure located at Douglas Park. This structure cannot be moved and reused as playground equipment since it does not meet current safety standards. The structure has been an icon for many generations of

children in the community and various ideas have been suggested for the structure. Once decommission the slide will be removed and the structure will be secured.

At their May meeting the Parks Commission made a recommendation to City Council to relocate the rocket structure to the round-a-bout (see attached memo). Since the structure exceeds 18 feet in height, staff is asking the Planning Commission to consider approving the relocation of the rocket structure to any City owned property. This would allow the relocation to another site in the event that City Council does not approve the round-a-bout location.

MOTION by Mark Wittlieff, seconded by Judd Brown that the Planning Commission approves the relocation of the rocket structure to another city owned property since it exceeds the 18 foot height limitation.

With a Roll Call vote this motion passed 6 to 0.

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

The Planning Commission would prefer a different location than the round-a-bout for the structure to be relocated.

OLD BUSINESS

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

None

CORRESPONDENCE

Commissioners received a copy of the Understanding Tourism for Michigan Communities Workshop being held on September 17th.

STAFF/SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

Denise Blakeslee, Planning & Zoning Administrator – The County Planner will be at the September Worksession. We will begin reviewing maps for the Master Plan update and discuss the process to complete the plan.

MEMBERS DISCUSSION

Commissioner Wittlieff said he would like to see applicants attend the meetings when they have a request before the Commission.

The Planning Commission will hold a Worksession on September 17, 2015

The next regular meeting of the Planning Commission will be held on Thursday, October 1, 2015

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Ray Fortier, seconded by Judd Brown that the meeting be adjourned. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Meeting adjourned at 7:28 pm

MANISTEE PLANNING COMMISSION

Denise J. Blakeslee, Recording Secretary

To: City Manager and City Council

From: Parks and Beautification Commission

Date: May 22, 2015

RE: Round A Bout Recommendation

Manager and council,

After much discussion the Commission would like to recommend the Rocket Ship at Rotary Park be moved to the Round a Bout. Then install a Flag Pole on top of the Rocket Ship. Also have dune grass planted around the ship and install lights focusing on the ship. We find this to be the best feasible option for the city.

Respectfully,

Parks and Beautification Commission