

CITY OF MANISTEE PLANNING COMMISSION

70 Maple Street
Manistee, MI 49660

MEETING MINUTES

NOVEMBER 3, 2011

A meeting of the Manistee City Planning Commission was held on Thursday, November 3, 2011 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, David Crockett, Bill Dean, Ray Fortier, Eric Gustad, Marlene McBride, Nathaniel Neider, Roger Yoder

Members Absent: Linda Albee (excused)

Others: Jodi Fletcher (Manistee News Advocate), Jon R. Rose (Community Development Director), Denise Blakeslee (Planning & Zoning)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Ray Fortier, seconded by Dave Crockett that the agenda be approved as prepared.

With a Roll Call vote this motion passed 7 to 0.

Yes: Barry, Crockett, Dean, Fortier, Gustad, McBride, Yoder
No: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Maureen Barry, seconded by Marlene McBride that the minutes of the October 6, 2011 Planning Commission Meeting be approved as prepared.

With a Roll Call vote this motion passed 7 to 0.

Yes: Dean, Fortier, Barry, Crockett, Gustad, McBride, Yoder
No: None

PUBLIC HEARING

None

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA RELATED ITEMS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Ordinance Amendments – Universal Accessibility/Non-Motorized Transportation

The City of Manistee Non-Motorized Transportation Commission has asked the Planning Commission to review the Ordinances to determine what amendments should be considered to improve Universal Accessibility/Non-Motorized Transportation in the City.

Commissioner Neider entered the meeting.

Jon Rose, Community Development Director spoke to the commission about the Promoting Active Community Award; the number of awards the City has received; the only way to obtain the “Gold” award level is to amend ordinances; reviewed how the City’s application was ranked last year; reviewed Section 2 – Ordinances, Zoning and Codes and Section 3 – Site Plan Review Process. Staff will compile a list from these two sections where the City ranked low in their scoring to discuss at the November Worksession.

OLD BUSINESS

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

None

CORRESPONDENCE

Commissioners received a copy of a letter from the Township of Stronach Planning Commission notifying them that they will begin drafting a Master Plan.

A copy of the Draft Village of Eastlake Master Plan and 5 Year Recreation Plan was received and given to the Commissioners. The letter Dated October 24, 2011 gave the Planning Commission 63 days after receipt of the letter to comment.

STAFF/SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

Jon Rose, Community Development Director – Reported to the Commission on the Medical Marihuana seminar he attended at the MAP Conference. Updated the Commission on the First Street Project.

Denise Blakeslee, Planning & Zoning – Reported to the Commission on the Trails/Bikeway seminar she attended at the MAP Conference. Informed the Commission that the Community Recreation Plan is available on line if any of the Commissioners want to review it. The Parks & Beautification Commission will hold a Public Hearing on December 12th. After the Public Hearing the Plan will be forwarded to the Commission for endorsement and sent to City Council.

The Planning Commission will hold a Worksession on November 17, 2011

The next regular meeting of the Planning Commission will be held on Thursday, December 1, 2011

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Ray Fortier, seconded by Dave Crockett that the meeting be adjourned. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Meeting adjourned at 8:03 pm.

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Denise J. Blakeslee, Recording Secretary