

CITY OF MANISTEE PLANNING COMMISSION

70 Maple Street
Manistee, MI 49660

MEETING MINUTES

December 2, 2021

A meeting of the Manistee City Planning Commission was held on Thursday, December 2, 2021 at 7pm in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 70 Maple Street, Manistee, Michigan.

Meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm by Chair Wittlieff

Members Present: Mark Wittlieff, Robert Slawinski, Marlene McBride, Shelly Memberto, Michael Szymanski, Roger Yoder, Pamela Weiner

Members Absent: None

Others: Zachary Sompels (County Planner & Zoning Administrator), and Nancy Baker (County Planning Secretary/Assistant to Planner)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Commissioner Slawinski, seconded by Commissioner Yoder to approve the agenda as printed.

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

Yes: Wittlieff, Slawinski, McBride, Szymanski, Yoder, Weiner, Memberto

No: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Commissioner Szymanski, seconded by Commissioner McBride to approve the November 4, 2021 Planning Commission meeting minutes as printed.

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

Yes: Wittlieff, Slawinski, McBride, Szymanski, Yoder, Weiner, Memberto

No: None

CORRESPONDENCE

None

PUBLIC HEARING

None

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA RELATED ITEMS

None

NEW BUSINESS

2022 Meeting Calendar

Motion by Commissioner Szymanski, seconded by Commissioner Yoder to approve the 2022 City Planning Commission meeting schedule as presented.

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

Yes: Wittlieff, Slawinski, McBride, Szymanski, Yoder, Weiner, Memberto
No: None

OLD BUSINESS

Tree Commission Viewsheds

Mr. Sompels submitted a memo for Planning Commission (PC) review. Presently viewsheds are not addressed in the zoning ordinance. The Planning Department recommends placing some type of language into the ordinance. Language will be provided at the next meeting for PC review. City Tree Commission requested the PC review the matter.

Motion by Commissioner Szymanski, seconded by Commissioner Memberto to table the viewshed business until opinion/language from the city attorney is received with his recommendation.

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

Yes: Wittlieff, Slawinski, McBride, Szymanski, Yoder, Weiner, Memberto
No: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Lynda Beaton, 256 Hughes St, thanked the PC for their hard work, very long difficult meetings, dealing very well with the public, superior questions on matters, being an outstanding commission. Merry Christmas.

STAFF REPORTS

Mr. Sompels: working on zoning ordinance text amendment language and closing out permits. Found 2600 open permits dating back to 2000, many permits now closed, 800 left to review.

MEMBERS DISCUSSION

The Commissioners thanked each other on a very difficult year with Covid, zoom meetings, the challenging issues.

Commissioner Yoder inquired about the burnt house on Davis Street and the blight policy actions for burnt out homes.

Commissioner McBride inquired on inspections for enforcing rentals to conform to the ordinance making them legal and suitable for living.

Commissioner Slawinski inquired on the dumpster enclosures.

Chair Wittlieff thanked the Commission and staff for a good job with some very tough situations. Merry Christmas to all.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Commissioner Slawinski, seconded by Commissioner Memberto to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 7:25 pm.

MANISTEE PLANNING COMMISSION



Nancy Baker, Recording Secretary