

CITY OF MANISTEE PLANNING COMMISSION

70 Maple Street
Manistee, MI 49660

MEETING MINUTES

November 7, 2013

A meeting of the Manistee City Planning Commission was held on Thursday, November 7, 2013 at 7 pm in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 70 Maple Street, Manistee, Michigan.

Meeting was called to order at 7 pm by Chair Yoder

Roll Call:

Members Present: Maureen Barry, David Crockett, Bill Dean, Ray Fortier, Marlene McBride, Mark Wittlief, Roger Yoder

Members Absent: None

Others: Denise Blakeslee (Planning & Zoning Administrator) and others

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Ray Fortier, seconded by Mark Wittlief that the agenda be approved as prepared.

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

Yes: Barry, Crockett, Dean, Fortier, McBride, Wittlief, Yoder

No: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Maureen Barry, seconded by Dave Crockett that the minutes of the October 10, 2013 Planning Commission Meeting be approved as prepared.

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

Yes: Dean, Fortier, Barry, Crockett, McBride, Wittlief, Yoder

No: None

PUBLIC HEARING

None

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA RELATED ITEMS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Master Plan Update

The Planning Commission is working on updating their Master Plan. A major component of the update is public input. A Visioning Session has been scheduled for 6:30 pm in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 70 Maple Street, Manistee, MI on November 21, 2013. The Visioning Session will be facilitated by Staff from Beckett & Raeder.

The Visioning Session will be followed by an online survey. This survey will provide input from people who were unable to attend the session or who are out of town the opportunity to participate in the process.

Lakes to Land Regional Initiative – Priority Committees

Members of the Planning Commission attended the Priority Share Meeting on June 27, 2013. Commissioners reviewed the list of Priority Committees and expressed interest in serving on committees as follows:

Reduce Blight and Nuisances	Marlene McBride
Improve Communications	Roger Yoder
Economic Development	Maureen Barry and Bill Dean
Water Quality	Dave Crockett

OLD BUSINESS

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

None

CORRESPONDENCE

None

STAFF REPORT

Denise Blakeslee, Planning & Zoning Administrator – Spoke to the Commission about the Master Plan Update and using GIS to develop maps for the Plan. Commissioners will be asked to review the maps for corrections.

MEMBERS DISCUSSION

Planning Commissioners congratulated Mark Wittlief on winning the Election. Mark will be the Council Representative for the sixth district.

Commissioner McBride asked about the Ordinance for Medical Marihuana that the Planning Commission worked on.

The Planning Commission Worksession on Thursday, November 21, 2013 will be the public Visioning Session for the Master Plan update.

The next regular meeting of the Planning Commission will be held on Thursday, December 5, 2013

ADJOURNMENT

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm

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Denise J. Blakeslee, Recording Secretary