

Manistee Township Planning Commission
Approved Minutes of the April 3, 2008 Meeting

The meeting was called to order by acting chairman, Dennis Switalski at 7:03 pm.

Members present were John Dontz, John Dunlap, Guy Finout, Dennis Switalski and John Zielinski

Members absent were Jack Dinsen and Mike Willett.

Guests were Steve Loomis of Douglas Station and Richard Wilson, Manistee Township Attorney.

Steve Loomis representing Douglas Valley presented a revised phase I plan detailing the building envelopes of the 18 approved parcels but shifting them to the West. He also requested that the private roads be graveled to Manistee County Road Commission standards rather than hard surfaced as the permit requires. And that the tasting room parking design be approved in either of the two configurations presented. Some discussion followed. It was moved by Dontz with support from Dunlap to approve the requests with the stipulation that graded roads be a minimum of 28 ft wide. A roll-call vote was taken. Finout-yes, Dunlap-yes, Dontz-yes, Switalski-yes, Zielinski-no. Motion passed 4 yes to 1 no.

It was moved by Dontz with the support of Dunlap to approve the March 6, 2008 regular Planning Commission minutes and to place them on file. Motion carried.

Member Finout reported that there were no appeals for the month of March 2008 however there are two (2) expected appeals for the month of May.

The Zoning Administrator report was presented. Two receipts were noted.

Proposed standards for private road/driveways, residential WECS and land use districts for the new, proposed zoning ordinance were presented. During discussion revisions were suggested The acting Zoning Administrator will modify each regulation for the Commission to review at the May meeting.

Mr. Wilson suggested the Commission consider the issue of daily/weekly/monthly rentals of private homes in the Township and the possible inclusion of standards for such in the proposed new zoning ordinance.

No other business came before the board.

It was moved by Dontz with the support of Dunlap to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

The next meeting of the Manistee Township Planning Commission will be Thursday, May 1, 2008 @ 7:00 pm at the Manistee Township Hall.

Respectively submitted,

Guy Finout
Substitute Secretary