

Manistee Township Planning Commission Accepted Minutes for May 1, 2008

Welcome, the meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Dinsen. Those present were members John Zielinski, John Dunlap, Mike Willett, Dennis Switalski, and Jack Dinsen. Others present were Cliff Boomer and Steve Loomis of Douglas Valley and Attorney Richard Wilson, representing the Township, and Guy Finout, Acting Zoning Administrator.

Pledge to the flag followed.

Chairman Dinsen asked for parliamentary privilege to move the Douglas Valley item first on the agenda. Phase I special use permit language was approved at the April 3, 2008 meeting. Attorney Wilson reviewed Draft Number 3, and with additional discussed changes, and recommended approval of Draft Number 4. Following discussion it was moved by Switalski, with support of Willett, to approve Draft Number 4 and authorize Chairman Dinsen and Secretary Switalski execute the document, when received from Attorney Wilson. Motion carried. Thereafter Mr. Boomer, Loomis, and Wilson left the meeting.

The minutes of the April 3, 2008 regular monthly meeting were approved by a motion from Dunlap and supported by Switalski.

The Board of Appeals met May 6th and approved a request for dog grooming facilities in Parkdale and denied a request for an oversized accessory building in the Resort-Residential district.

The Zoning Administrator reported six permits had been issued in April and that there are two appeals pending.

Member Switalski reported on a meeting he and Dinsen attended regarding updates on Wind Energy in 2008.

Jack Dinsen told of the proposed railroad relocation hearing he attended. Four potential routes were reviewed, with the across Manistee Lake one deemed unacceptable. Pros and cons were taken from the general public in attendance. Options are still being considered.

Private road/driveway regulations for the new zoning ordinance again were discussed. It was then moved by Willett, to approve the wording including that all parcels, buildings, or structures must have legal access to a public street. Motion seconded by Dunlap, motion carried.

Residential/Private use wind generator regulations Section 3.XX were discussed. Thereafter Dunlap moved to include the wording in the new ordinance. Zielinski supported, motion carried.

The next meeting of the Manistee Township Planning Commission will be June 5, 2008 at 7:00 P.M. at the Manistee Township Hall.

With no further business to come before the Board, Dunlap moved, supported by Willett to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried, adjournment time 8:30 p.m.

Respectively submitted,

Dennis R. Switalski,
Acting Secretary