

The Manistee Township Board met in a Special Meeting on Wednesday, May 4, 2005, at 5:30 P.M. at the Manistee Township Hall. The meeting was called by Supervisor John W. Anderson, regarding the possible curb cut closure on Parkdale Avenue, and the land used as the access to the Bridge Street Building. Our next regular meeting will be held on May 12, 2005. The meeting was posted on May 2, 2005, at 4:00 P.M., at the Manistee Township Hall.

Board members present were John W. Anderson, Darlene Smith, John M Dontz, Dennis R. Bjorkquist, and M. Rebecca Dinsen. Also, present was Jack Dinsen, Clarence Smith, Chuck Gregg, Attorney Richard Wilson, Gregg & Wanda Kinnan, Shaun Gillespie, and Zoning Administrator Rob Marble.

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor John W. Anderson.

Gregg Kinnan purchased the former Road Commission/Brown Building/Roots Store at the SE corner on Bridge Street and Parkdale Avenue for \$118,000.00. He has since torn down the building, and graveled the lot for his car sales. He told those present Doug Parkes of West Shore Bank gave him the parcel on the eastern edge of his property, at no cost. This is part two of a platted parcel belonging to West Shore Bank. It is also the easement Manistee Township residents have been using for more than 40 years to reach the rear of the old township hall, the tennis courts, the means to reach the basement of the old hall, and general egress to the building.

Attorney Richard Wilson explained that after fifteen (15) years of usage by the township it has become a prescriptive easement to our building and grounds. Kinnan does not want the drive left open to Parkdale Avenue. Attempts were made by board members to discuss compromises. After a great deal of discussion Mr. Kinnan stated "I don't want to work it out," and left the meeting followed by his wife Wanda & employee Shaun Gillespie. (Time 6:15 P.M.)

Attorney Wilson was asked what course of action the township should follow. He offered several points of advice, and will do further checking at the court house. Board members agreed they would like to reach a compromise for the good of all.

It was moved by Dontz to close the curb on Parkdale Avenue. The motion died of lack of support. It was moved by Dinsen seconded by Bjorkquist to ask the Manistee County Road Commission to leave the curb cut open on Parkdale Avenue between Victorian Car Sales and West Shore Bank. Bjorkquist, Smith, Dinsen, Anderson voting in favor. Dontz opposed. Motion passed. A letter will be sent to the Manistee County Road Commission.

The next regular monthly meeting of the Manistee Township Planning Commission will be held on Thursday, May 5, 2005 at the Manistee Township Hall, 410 Holden Street.

The Manistee Township Zoning Appeals Board will meet on Tuesday, May 10, 2005 at 7:00 P.M. at the Manistee Township Hall, 410 Holden Street, if there is an Appeal.

The next regular monthly meeting of the Manistee Township Board will be held on the second Thursday, May 12, 2005, at 7:30 P.M. at the Manistee Township Hall, 410 Holden Street.

There being no further business to come before the board, it was moved by Dontz seconded by Bjorkquist to adjourn the meeting at 6:30 P.M. All voting in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

M. Rebecca Dinsen, CMC
Manistee Township Clerk