

The regular monthly meeting of the Manistee Township Board was held on Thursday, August 10, 2006 at 7:30 P.M., at the Manistee Township Hall. Board members present were John W. Anderson, John M Dontz, Connie L Smith, M. Rebecca Dinsen and Dennis R Bjorkquist Also present was County Commissioner Ed Haik, Keith Brown of PEG, Chuck Gregg, Fire Chief John Dunlap, Clara Kraus Saari and Larry Hadden of All About Play.

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor John W. Anderson with the pledge to the United States flag.

The minutes of the July 13, 2006, Manistee Township Board meeting were provided. It was moved by Bjorkquist, seconded by Dontz to approve the minutes as provided. All voting in favor. Motion carried.

Treasurer Smith gave the Financial report for the month of July. It was moved by Dontz seconded by Dinsen to accept the Treasurers report as presented. All voting in favor. Motion carried.

The minutes of the August 3, 2006 Manistee Township Planning Commission meeting were presented to each board member, accepted, and placed on file. The minutes of the July 11, 2006 Manistee Township Zoning Appeals Board meeting were presented to each board member, accepted and placed on file.

Larry Hadden of All About Play, explained the proposal on playground equipment for the Manistee Township play ground. The equipment is Burke equipment which carries a 15-year warranty on all pieces. The equipment is made of vinyl coated steel, double wall plastic, with stainless steel fittings. The company will send a Supervisor to help with the Community installation process. Orders placed now should be available for installation in six weeks. They do not charge design fees, for additions to the area, whether it is more equipment, or other options. There were no further questions for Hadden on the proposal.

Correspondence was received from various sources and given to each board member to read and initial.

Rob Marble, Zoning Administrator attended the Zoning Enabling Act Workshop at City Hall with three members of the Planning Commission and Zoning Appeals Board. There are a couple of issues with wood burning units that are in transition. Also, there has been one violation notice issued for a commercial business in a residential area.

County Commissioner Ed Haik reported:

1. The County Commission will deal with the Solid Waste Amendment on Tuesday, August 15, 2006. The solid waste amendment will be the object of a Public Hearing on

Monday, August 14, 2006 at 6:30 P.M. at the County Commissioners room. The Solid Waste Committee will meet at 7:00 P.M. on Monday, August 14, 2006, after the Public Hearing.

2. Haik has checked with Cheboygan, Iosco, Montmorency, Ogemaw, and Presque Isle counties. They have ATV Ordinances, and have found no increase in enforcement fees, or road and shoulder damage. Three of those counties have a trail system, and the DEQ pays 100% of enforcement on trails. There is a talk of a possible one year permit fee of \$25.00 to \$50.00 for Manistee County residents or property owners, to fund the ATV enforcement.

3. In other news Haik stated the input on the proposed ethanol plant in Filer Township has been positive.

Fire Chief John Dunlap reported the Manistee Township Fire Department held five training sessions, and responded to eighteen fire/medical runs during the month of July. There were 134 man hours in response, 68 work hours by the men, and 50 hours by Dunlap, Paul Revolt, and Dan Revolt.

Liquor Inspector Bjorkquist stated there have been no significant changes to any liquor licensees during the past month.

The Revenue Sharing Board will require all written grant requests in the office by September 15, 2006 at 5:00 P.M. Oral presentations will be held on October 9, 2006. Distribution of the grants will be on November 6, 2006. All meetings will take place at the Manistee County Road Commission at 5:00 P.M.

The proposed recreation plan of Manistee Township has been reviewed by board members. A copy of the proposal has been posted at the Manistee County Library. It was moved by Dinsen, seconded by Smith to hold a Public Hearing on the proposed Recreation Plan on Wednesday, September 6, 2006 at 7:30 P.M. at the Manistee Township Hall. All voting in favor. Motion carried. Corrections in the plan are four benches at the Bar Lake outlet, and we do have tennis courts by the old school.

Scheppelmann Electric completed the parking lot lighting project. Dinsen stated the lights in the lot do extend to the area that had been so dark. The present lighting is a big improvement.

The board had time to think about the playground equipment. It was moved by Bjorkquist, seconded by Smith to purchase and install the playground equipment as stated in the bid. There would be Community installation, with all donations, use of equipment and volunteers being accepted. Dinsen, Smith, Dontz, Bjorkquist, and Anderson voting in favor. Motion carried. It was suggested by Clara Kraus Saari to consider the colors of the playground equipment be green, tan, & brown, for a more natural approach.

Anderson discussed the problems with the paper dumpster, and all the cardboard being left at the site. The sign for Manistee Township residents, and no cardboard has been removed, and that seems to have exacerbated the problem.

West Shore Medical Center would like to hold a tag day on August 11, 2006 at Wesco in Manistee Township. There were no objections from the Township Board.

Dinsen stated the August 8, 2006 Primary Election went well. Twenty-one inspectors attended classes to obtain certification to work on the elections. Manistee Township had 407 voters with about 1/3 of those voting by absent ballot.

It was moved by Dinsen, seconded by Dontz to move the General Fund Checking account from Huntington to National City. The rate of non promotional interest is higher at National City, and should produce additional revenue of \$9,000.00 per year. Dinsen, Dontz, Smith, Bjorkquist, and Anderson voting in favor. Motion carried.

The beach testing which is done by District 10 Health Department has been within the acceptable guidelines for bacteria. The sixth week of reporting arrived today.

The current bills for the month of August were presented. It was moved by Bjorkquist, seconded by Dontz to pay the bills as they are received for the month of August. All voting in favor. Motion carried.

The Manistee County Chapter of the Michigan Townships Association will meet at the Bear Lake Township Hall, on August 23, 2006, at 7:00 P.M.

The next regular monthly meeting of the Manistee Township Planning Commission will be held on Thursday, September 7, 2006 at 7:00 P.M. at the Manistee Township Hall, 410 Holden Street.

There will be a Public Hearing on the proposed Manistee Township Recreation Plan, Wednesday, September 6, 2006 at 7:30 P.M. at the Manistee Township Hall, 410 Holden Street.

The next regular meeting of the Manistee Township Zoning Appeals Board will be held on Tuesday, September 5, 2006, at 7:00 P.M. if there is an appeal.

The next regular monthly meeting of the Manistee Township Board will be held on the second Thursday, September 14, 2006, 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 Bjorkquist seconded by Dinsen to adjourn the meeting at 9:14 P.M. All voting in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
M. Rebecca Dinsen, CMC
Manistee Township Clerk