

Manistee Township Planning Commission  
Accepted Minutes of the meeting held  
September 6, 2007

The Manistee Township Planning Commission meeting was held on September 6, 2007, at the Manistee Township Hall, at 7:00 P.M. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jack Dinsen.

Members present John Dontz, Guy Finout, Dennis Switalski, John Dunlap, John Zielinski, Mike Willett, and Jack Dinsen. Absent none. Others present included Rob Marble, Zoning Administrator and residents Theo Polley and Kathy and Jerry Ebbeling. Jeff Mikula from Abonmarche Consultants. Alex Yockey of SRW Contracting. Chester Hill and Mark Johnson of Johnson Hill Land Ethics Studio.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

Jeff Mikula from Abonmarche Consultants, Inc. presented an amended plan for Phase II, Lots Layouts with Zoning Requirements that was approved at the June 7, 2007 meeting. It was found that adequate room was left to include one additional residential lot making a total of nineteen lots. Upon discussion Mr. Dontz moved to approve the requested amendment to the Heathlands Estates, Heathlands, LLC Planned Unit Development. Mr. Zielinski supported. Motion carried by voice vote.

Alex Yockey of SRW Contracting, Chester Hill and Mark Johnson of Johnson Hill Land Ethics Studio were present to discuss the Douglas Valley Planned Unit Development as an amendment to the Lakeview Orchards Planned Unit Development approved in 2002. The Planning Commission will have to schedule a public hearing before they can consider approval of the requested amendments.

It was moved by John Dunlap to approve the minutes of the August 2, 2007 regular meeting of the Manistee Township Planning Commission and place them on file. John Dontz seconded, with all voting in favor. Motion carried.

There was no August 2007 Manistee Township Zoning Appeals meeting.

Rob Marble presented a Zoning Administrators report for a slow August 2007, with only six permits issued.

Regarding the new zoning ordinance, several residents inquired about rental of homes on a short term basis. The Board agreed to look into the issue and make a determination if this use may increase and consider the need to define commercial and or consider the length of stay. The private road/driveway issue was tabled for more information. The zoning in the Kott, Suida, and Polen Road area was again discussed.

Dennis Switalski recently attended a workshop on Wind Energy Systems representing Manistee Township Planning. He presented the Board with a verbal overview. Chairman Dinsen presented amended Planning Commission By-Laws and Rules of Procedures. Upon discussion it was moved by Finout, supported by Dunlap, to recommend adoption of the By-Laws and Rules of Procedure, and forward to the Manistee Township Board. Motion carried.

The next meeting of the Manistee Township Planning Commission will be held on Thursday, October 11, 2007 at 7:00 P.M. at the Manistee Township Hall. Thereafter John Dunlap moved to adjourn, seconded by John Zielinski. Motion carried, meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis R. Switalski  
Acting Secretary

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