

## Approved Minutes for Public Hearing

A Manistee Township Board Public Hearing to Consider the Establishment of a Commercial Rehabilitation District was held at the Manistee Township Hall on Thursday, December 22, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. Board Members present were Supervisor Dennis Bjorkquist, Treasurer Connie Jankwietz, Clerk Dianne Taylor, Trustee John Dontz, and Trustee Guy Finout. Also present were Zoning Administrator Karen Clouse, Deputy Clerk Heather Taylor, County Commissioner Jeff Dontz, Marc Miller, Paul Cova, Dyllan Walker, Gini Pelton, Tracy Davis and Sara Herberger.

Supervisor Bjorkquist called the Public Hearing to order at 10:00 a.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Supervisor Bjorkquist opened the public hearing by requesting public comment regarding the establishment of the Commercial Rehabilitation District. Marc Miller, Manistee Chamber of Commerce, commented that the Chamber is highly supportive of the proposed housing project. He presented a letter of support signed by ten (10) local businesses that employ 1,455 employees. Bringing the proposed project in would be a good way to invest in the county.

Dyllan Walker, PCA, voiced his support for this project.

Tracy Davis, Housing North, expressed support for this project stating that Manistee County is in need of 900 units just to cover the current demand for housing.

Gini Pelton, Realtor, is supporting this project to bring in the market-value housing for those who would like to come into the area.

Paul Cova, PCA, supports the project because it will help when recruiting new employees to the area.

Jeff Dontz, County Commissioner, is in support of the project stating there is not enough reasonable housing in the county. Bringing in the housing project will help attract people to the community and help with the employee shortage.

Zoning Administrator Karen Clouse stated that she received a phone call from Pauline and Tim Fortier. They own the vacant lot at 737 E. Parkdale Avenue and currently reside in Arizona. They plan to retire here. The Fortier's are strongly opposed to the proposed project stating it would hinder the aesthetic value of the area. They are concerned with the light pollution that may occur and the increase in traffic volume in an already congested area.

Karen Clouse, Zoning Administrator, proposed everyone come together in support of creating the Commercial Rehabilitation District in Manistee Township to provide the needed housing and to generate new investments from the rehabilitation of the commercial property.

There being no further public comment, Trustee Dontz made the motion, seconded by Clerk Taylor to adjourn the Public Hearing at 10:10 a.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Dianne Taylor  
Manistee Township Clerk

**MANISTEE TOWNSHIP**  
**MANISTEE COUNTY, MICHIGAN**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that the Township Board of the Township of Manistee will conduct a public hearing on Thursday, December 22, 2022, at 10:00 a.m., at the Manistee Township Hall, 410 Holden Street, Manistee, Michigan 49660. The purpose of this public hearing is to consider the establishment of a commercial rehabilitation district pursuant to the Commercial Rehabilitation Act, being Act 210 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 2005, as amended. If approved, the commercial rehabilitation district would consist of the lands described below:

Situated in the Township of Manistee, County of Manistee, State of Michigan, and further described as:

Part of Lots Nine (9) and Ten (10), Block D, Supervisor's Plat of Sibley's Addition to Parkdale, and part of the Northwest quarter (NW1/4) of the Northeast quarter (NE1/4) all in Section Thirty-one (31), Township Twenty-two (22) North, Range Sixteen (16) West, Manistee Township, Manistee County, Michigan, more fully described as follows:

Beginning at the Northwest corner of said Lot Nine (9), thence North 00°31'41" West, 520.06 feet along the West line of said Lot Ten (10), thence along the South right of way of the old Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad the next two courses: North 65°55'08" East 477.19 feet (previously recorded as North 65°53'11" East, 477.69 feet), thence North 64°51'59" East, 330.60 feet, thence South 00°01'38" West 173.60 feet (previously recorded as South 00°17' West), thence South 00°09'59" West 1205.32 feet (previously recorded as 1202.03 feet) to the North right of way of Highway US-31, thence South 77°25'54" West 459.71 feet (previously recorded as South 77°25'00" West 459.62 feet) along said right of way, thence South 77°20'57" West 49.99 feet along said right of way, thence North 00°15'38" East 526.67 feet, thence North 89°50'05" West 230.51 feet (previously recorded as North 89°50'23" West 230.59 feet), to a point of the West line of said Lot Nine (9), thence North 00°31'41" West 107.41 feet (previously recorded as 108.41 feet) along said West line of Lot Nine (9) to the point of beginning.

Parcel ID Nos. 51-07-820-021-10 and 51-07-131-005-00.

The street address for this property is 610 E Parkdale Ave, Manistee, MI 49660.

Public comments concerning the proposed commercial rehabilitation district will be received at the hearing. Written comments may be addressed to Dianne Taylor, Township Clerk, 410 Holden Street, Manistee, MI 49660, so they are received at or prior to the hearing. All comments will become part of the hearing record.

Dated: December 8, 2022

Manistee Township Board  
By: Dianne Taylor, Clerk