

# CITY OF MANISTEE PLANNING COMMISSION WORKSESSION

NOTES OF JULY 1, 2004

The City of Manistee Planning Commission met in a worksession on Thursday, July 1, 2004 at 6:00 p.m. in the Middle School Library, 550 Maple Street, Manistee, Michigan.

Members Present: Ray Fortier, Cyndy Fuller, Christa Johnson-Ross, Tony Slawinski, Mark Wittlief and Roger Yoder

Members Absent: Bob Davis, and Greg Ferguson

Others Present: Jon Rose (Community Development Director), Jay Kilpatrick (Williams and Works) and Denise Blakeslee (Administrative Assistant) after 7:00 p.m. Alan Marshall (City Council) and Melissa Rennie (Manistee News Advocate)

## Zoning Ordinance Re-Write

Jay Kilpatrick met with members of the Planning Commission on June 16, 2004 to review a list of items the Zoning Ordinance Re-write. Mr. Kilpatrick distributed copies of an Ordinance Outline and Sample Format. Discussion continued on Signs and if the Sign Ordinance should be part of the Zoning Ordinance or become a General Law Ordinance.

The Worksession adjourned at 7:03 p.m. for the Regular Meeting

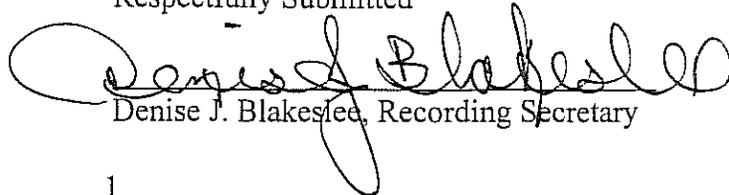
Worksession resumed at 7:08 p.m.

Mr. Kilpatrick reviewed with members the sample he distributed. Discussed leaving spaces between articles to insert an article if necessary. Article 70 will be removed and become a stand alone article. Discussion resumed on the definition of Lot Coverage. Questions had been raised regarding what is included in the definition such as accessory structures and if more than one should be allowed on a parcel, ground level decks and/or patios, required green space, and landscaping. Pictures will be taken for a visual reference on different properties within the City. Discussed if Landscape Plans should be required in certain cases and performance standards for driveways.

Mr. Kilpatrick wants to meet with the City Council to discuss the Re-write. A meeting has tentatively been scheduled for August 12, 2004 for the first Citizen Input. This will be Open to the public and to generate interest invitations will be sent to the Sign Companies, Realtors, D.D.A., Merchants, Service Organization, Chamber of Commerce and S.C.O.R.E. A press release will be prepared to generate interest through the media.

The Worksession adjourned at 8:05p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

  
Denise J. Blakeslee, Recording Secretary