

MANISTEE CITY PLANNING COMMISSION

70 Maple Street
P.O. Box 358
Manistee, Michigan 49660

MEETING OF MAY 7, 1998

There will be a meeting of the Manistee City Planning Commission to be held on Thursday, May 7, 1998 at 7:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 70 Maple Street, Manistee, Michigan.

AGENDA

- I. Roll Call
- II. Matters Pertaining to the General Citizenry:
 - A. Public Hearing:
 - 1. Dale Picardat - Street Vacation
 - 2.
 - B. Site Plan Reviews:
 - 1. Marlene J. Devlin/Daryl Sorenson - Lot Split
 - 2.
 - C. Questions, Concerns and Consideration of Matters Pertaining to Citizens in Attendance:
 - 1.
 - 2.
- III. Business Session:
 - A. Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting (4/2/98)
 - B. New Business:
 - 1.
 - 2.
 - 3.
 - C. Unfinished Business:
 - 1. Dale Picardat - Street Vacation
 - 2. Manistee County Sportsplex - Gini Pelton
 - 3.
 - D. Other Communications:
 - 1.
 - 2.
- IV. Work/Study Session:
- V. Adjournment

cc: Planning Commission Members
 City Council
 R. Ben Bifoss, City Manager
 Jon Rose, Community Development Officer
 Lori Donnan, Administrative Assistant
 Kurt Schindler, County Planner
 Manistee News Advocate
 Manistee Observer
 WMTE Radio
 WXYQ Radio
 Jeff Mikula, Abonmarche
 Julie Beardslee, Assessor

CITY OF MANISTEE

MEMORANDUM

TO: Planning Commission Members

FROM: Jon Rose 
Community Development Officer

DATE: May 1, 1998

RE: Meeting Thursday, May 7, 1998

The May Planning Commission Meeting will be held on Thursday, May 7, 1998.

First item on the agenda is a Public Hearing for Dale Picardat. Mr. Picardat was at the March Planning Commission Meeting expressing his desire for the vacating of Water Street behind 546 & 550 First Street. Requests for the vacating of a street or alley requires a Public Hearing. Notification to property owners within 300 feet has been mailed and a notice of public hearing has been placed in the newspaper. Information on this request is enclosed for your review.

A request for a Lot Split & Combination from Marlene Devlin. Ms. Devlin owns parcel #51-51-358-718-09 which has a legal description of *Jefferson add lots 97 thru 101 west of Tamarack St and South of Eighth St.* She also owns parcel #51-51-358-715-02 which has a legal description of *Jefferson Add lot 82 & s 1/2 of lot 83.* Ms. Devlin is requesting that lots 100 & 101 be split from Parcel #51-51-358-718-09 and added to parcel #51-51-358-715-02. Ms. Devlin has sold this property to Daryl Sorenson and needs the lot split and combination to clear the title. A copy of her request is enclosed.

Gini Pelton will be at the Planning Commission to discuss the proposed Manistee County Sportsplex. Copies of the handout she prepared for the worksession are enclosed in your packets in case you misplaced them.

We will need to discuss the possibility of a joint worksession with Filer Township's Planning Commission and decide if we want to hold a worksession in May to meet with Filer Township.

A schedule has been made for attending City Council Meetings for 1998. If you have any questions about the schedule we can discuss it at the meeting.

If you have any questions please call us at 723-2558. See you at the meeting!

:djm

20 February 1998

City Council and Planning Commission
City of Manistee
70 Maple St.
Manistee, Mi. 49660

To: City Council and Planning Commission
Subject: Request for vacating Street right-of-way

Reference City Council decision 17997 of Sep. 3, 1991.

As a result, it is requested that this issue be reopened and resolved.

A platted City road right-of-way presently exists north of 546 and 550 First St, which has never been paved and has not been used as a street since prior to the 1920's. No other homes in this area are effected. This neighborhood west of Tamarack is zoned as a residential area. The present lots (51-51-340-701-01 and 51-51-340-701-03) have 50 foot street frontage and a depth of 100 feet or less. The Street right-of-way is 66 feet wide and separates the City river bank property from the referenced property. See drawings attached.

The lot at 550 First St. has been maintained by the property owner for over 25 years, extending back to the top of the bank. The City has not maintained this property, right-of-way and extension to the top of the river bank, in this time period.

We have only owned the lot at 546 First St. since Feb. 1997 and have maintained the property back to the bank. Since becoming the owner a year ago, we have tried to maintain a yard compatible to this fine neighborhood. This included cutting the grass well beyond the right-of-way and pruning the trees in back.

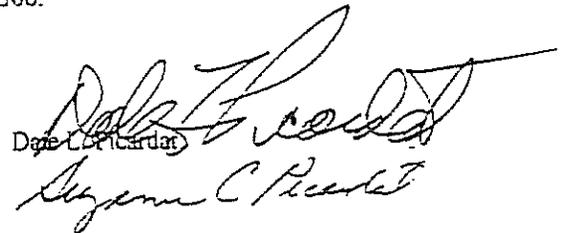
Because the City hasn't used this property for so many years, it is requested that vacation of this property be approved and distributed to adjacent property owners. This will provide enough additional square footage of land to make the two subject lots approach the City standard for a full lot.

Precedence has been set by the city on previous vacating of similar parcels such as Olga St. off Eighth St. and others in the North Shore Development.

Your assistance will be greatly appreciated. If I can be of any further assistance in providing additional information, please contact us at 521 Pine Street or by phone at 723-5306.

Sincerely,

Suzanne C. and Dale C. Cardar



340-701-03

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Aug 5, 1991

Dear Committee,

My husband and I ask that your committee take whatever steps necessary to abandon any existing road right-of-way located adjacent to our north property line.

We reside at 550 First Street which is Lot #2 of Block #1 of the Edmund & John Confield addition of the City. It is our understanding that there exists an unleased, platted, right-of-way for an extensive of water street between our lot and the river bank that extends from Summer Street to a line extending north along our west property line (or to the east property line of the next lot to our west).

This right-of-way is less than 20 feet from the back side of our home. It would appear that there never has been and will not be any intention on the part of the city to extend this street further west. If this abandonment takes place, it would be our intention to do whatever is necessary to acquire sufficient real estate to bring our north property line into continuity with the adjacent property line along the river bank.

My husband has maintained this right-of-way as an extension of our back yard since 1972. If our request is granted and we are allowed to follow through with our intentions it would:

Enlarge our lot to conform more closely with the present zoning requirements.

Provide us with access to river frontage available for lease the same as adjacent property owners.

Clear up any fears we have of the public having such close legal access to our home.

Assist us in maintaining some privacy when the river walk is completed.

And it would be nice to see my husband get some compensation for the care he has paid to this land over the last 19 years.

Respectfully

Alma & Bill Hansen

Call to Order A regular meeting of the Manistee City Council was called to order by His Honor, Mayor John L. Della Pia, on Tuesday, Sept. 3rd, 1991, at 7:30 p.m.

Roll Call Present: Councilmen Gamache, Rick Linke and Rudy Linke; Councilwoman Adams; and Mayor Della Pia - 5.

Absent: Councilmen V. Hansen and Kruszka - 2.

Also Present: City Manager, City Attorney, City Treasurer, Public Safety Director and Public Works Foreman.

17995 Approve Consent Agenda: Minutes; Payroll; Monthly Bills; Notice of Next Work Session

17996 Approve Reciprocity Pact with Manistee Township

17997 Table Road Vacation Request

17998 Change October Meetings

It was moved by Councilman Gamache, seconded by Councilman Rick Linke, to approve the Consent Agenda items that included: Minutes; Payroll; Monthly bills for August, 1991 amounting to \$276,730.69; and notification of next work session on Tuesday, Sept. 10, 1991, starting at 7:30 p.m. - Approved, 5-0.

PAYROLL - August 18, 1991 Through August 25, 1991:

General	\$ 7,239.23
Police Dept.	3,738.37
Fire Dept.	4,329.76
Public Works Dept.	2,548.07
Water & Sewer	5,129.91
Bridge	1,539.20
Parks & Recreation	3,430.24

Both the City of Manistee and Manistee Township administer the Building Code, including processing applications, providing inspections, etc. Both units provide building inspection services for all classes of property including residential, commercial and industrial.

An agreement has been drafted which would permit the City to provide coverage in the Township if necessary, and the Township to provide coverage in the City if necessary. Occasions which may require the implementation of the agreement could involve a conflict of interest situation, extended sick leave, vacations, etc. Under the terms of the agreement the governmental agency providing the service would receive 90% of the applicable permit fee with the local jurisdiction retaining 10% of the permit fee for administrative record keeping purposes. For example if the City performed inspection work in the Township the City would receive 90% of the fee while the Township would retain 10% of the fee; and vice-versa.

The City has a similar reciprocity agreement with Manistee County for soil erosion permit administration. While the provisions of the agreement are seldom implemented, it has proved beneficial for both parties. Manistee Township has taken action to approve such an agreement.

It was moved by Councilman Gamache, seconded by Councilman Rick Linke, to approve a reciprocity agreement with Manistee Township for building inspection services. - All present voting in favor, 5-0.

The City has received a request from Mr. and Mrs. Bill and Donna Larson that Water Street extended, west of Tamarack Street, be vacated. This right-of-way is located north of First Street, west of Tamarack Street, behind homes located at 546 and 550 First Street. Although platted, the road is unimproved (never physically constructed.)

If the Council is willing to consider a road vacation, the Council has historically referred the matter to the Planning Commission for review and recommendation prior to formal action.

The area in question is adjacent and contiguous to a proposed major public access point to the proposed Riverwalk West. While the current planning document does not require the use of this right-of-way for public access to the Riverwalk, final construction plans may differ from the current planning document. It is possible, although not necessarily likely, that certain parts of this right-of-way may be used in conjunction with Riverwalk West construction.

The City Manager recommends that the Council table action on this matter until final construction plans are available for Riverwalk West. If following that it is apparent that this right-of-way is not necessary for public access to the Riverwalk, the Council could refer this question to the Planning Commission for review and recommendations.

It was moved by Councilman Rick Linke, seconded by Councilman Rudy Linke, to table this matter until after final construction plans have been prepared for Riverwalk West. - All present voting in favor, 5-0.

The first regular meeting of October would normally fall on Tuesday, October 1, 1991. However the Michigan Municipal League Annual Convention is scheduled for Wednesday and Thursday, October 2 and 3 in Grand Rapids which would result in the Mayor, Manager and several Councilmembers being unavailable Tuesday evening. The meeting could therefore be rescheduled.

The Charter indicates that the City Council "shall meet in public session at least twice each month at such times as may be prescribed...". Under that Charter requirement the meeting cannot be rescheduled to Monday, September 30. Available options include rescheduling the meeting to the following Tuesday, October 3 which would result in Council meetings on successive Tuesdays; or rescheduling both meetings in October to the second and fourth Tuesdays, October 8 and 22 (there are five Tuesdays in October.) The Manager suggests rescheduling both meetings so that regular business is conducted on Tuesdays October 8 and October 22, 1991.

It was moved by Councilman Gamache, seconded by Councilman Rudy Linke, to reschedule regular Council meetings in October to Tuesdays, October 8 and 22, 1991, beginning at 7:30 p.m. All present voting in favor, 5-0.

APR 07 1998

MARLENE J. DEVLIN
600 NEAPOLITAN WAY, APT. 258
NAPLES, FLORIDA 34103

April 4, 1998

Jon R. Rose, Community Development Officer
City of Manistee
P. O. Box 358
70 Maple Street
Manistee, MI 49660

Mr. Rose:

I am responding to your letter to Daryl Sorenson regarding the land description 51-51-358-718-09, dated March 31, 1998.

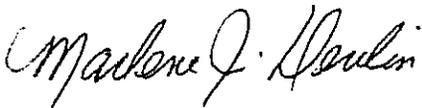
On January 17, 1998, I deeded to Daryl Sorenson some lots in Jefferson Addition which is a split of the above noted parcel. They are lots No. 100 and No. 101.

I respectfully request a split of these two lots from that parcel. There are no buildings or structures on any of the lots included in the subject parcel.

When speaking to you on the telephone yesterday, my husband was under the impression that the letter referred to Lot Eight-Two and the south one-half of Lot eighty-three, which is the entirety of description Number 51-51-358-715-02. That parcel had been split back in the seventies to build the house on the lot an one-half to the north of it.

If anything else is required on my behalf, please let me know.

Sincerely,



cc: Daryl Sorenson

WHY A SPORTSPLEX ??

To improve the Quality of Life for all citizens of Manistee County.

What will be included in the Sportsplex?

Indoor facility including the following:

0 Depth Pool
Lane Pool
Ice Rink
Conference Room
Walking track around rink
Concession Area
Office
Locker rooms
Outside facilities:
Soccer, Baseball and Softball fields

What is a 0 Depth pool?

It is a pool that begins with a few inches of water and gradually increases to a depth of 3 feet. This will allow for safe use by wheelchairs, toddlers and the physically challenged. It is an excellent resource for lessons and physical therapy.

Why a lane pool with diving end?

At this time there is no public indoor pool in the county. There is a Manistee Swim Team that has to travel to WSCC to train. The goal is that in the future all the High Schools in the county could have swim teams and the School systems could use the pool for Physical education classes. Another goal is to drown proof all children in the county. Also water aerobics classes, water instruction, free swim and eventually swim meets.

Why an ice arena?

Again in the county we have no indoor ice rink. Many citizens of our county travel to Cadillac, Traverse City and Big Rapids to get ice time. Especially after this winter when we maybe had 4 weeks of ice we see the need for indoor ice. There is a Hockey Association already established in our county. Also there is interest in figure skating and free skating.

Why all the outdoor fields?

Again no where in the county do we have enough Baseball, Softball or Soccer fields to accomodate the need and interest. With this type of complex we could attract regional and statewide tournaments and competitions.

What are the tangible benefits of the Sportsplex?

1. Increased quality of life for all the county residents
2. Enhance the efforts to attract new business and industry
3. The short term economic benefit of employment and supplies and services for the actual construction.

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Tangible benefits continued

4. The ability to attract regional and statewide tournaments.
5. A facility that would improve the general health and fitness of all County residents
6. Possibly a rehabilitation facility.
7. Another positive outlet for our young people!
8. A central location to coordinate recreational activities for all members of the county.

How would this facility be managed and operated?

An indepent non-profit authority comprised of business persons, citizens, officials and representatives of major user groups.

April 17, 1998

To: City of Manistee Mayor, City Council Members and City Manager

From: Virginia (Gini) Pelton, Co-Coordinator of the proposed Manistee County Sportsplex

Regarding: Sportsplex as an Agenda item on April 21, 1998

As you have now read and heard there are a group of us working toward a Sportsplex for Manistee County. This group was formed as a part of the Manistee County Human Services Coordinating Body. Last October we had a session where we found one of our major goals for the County was to fill a need for activities for families to do together. We all agreed at the time that a multi-use sports facility was what the county needed. Subsequent to that meeting a number of people have met at 7 different meetings to discuss what exactly we need and how we will build it.

At our last meeting we have narrowed our goals of what will be included in the Sportsplex to:

4-Soccer Fields

4-Baseball Fields

3-Softball Fields

A walking/Rollerblading track around the whole facility

Indoor facility to include:

Lane pool with diving end

0 depth pool

Ice rink

Walking track around ice rink

Concession Area

Conference room

Locker Rooms

Office area

To accomodate the above facility we will need approximately 100 acres. We are looking at this as the original needs with hopes of developing outside biking trails, hiking and skiing trails if we are able to acquire more land.

The original and most important goals of the Sportsplex are increased quality of life for all who live in Manistee County. The fall out from this facility will be economic development through all the events that can be held in this type of facility.

We are asking you at this time to consider the 173 acres on M-55 for this complex. As a county facility this would be an ideal site. It is also within the Dial-A-Ride city fare zone and they have already indicated working a regular schedule for the out county area.

I am enclosing letters of endorsement and will bring more with drawings and more specific information for your consideration on Tuesday.

I Thank You for your time and consideration of this matter.

THE CIRCUIT COURT

FAMILY DIVISION



STATE OF MICHIGAN
19TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
MANISTEE COUNTY

MANISTEE COUNTY COURTHOUSE
P.O. BOX 626
MANISTEE, MICHIGAN 49660
616-723-2573
616-723-1492 (FAX)

JAMES M. BATZER
CHIEF CIRCUIT JUDGE

KRIS A. RANDALL
CIRCUIT COURT ADMINISTRATOR

CAMERON CLARK
DIRECTOR OF YOUTH SERVICES

PATRICIA VEACH
CASEWORKER

KAY KURTZ
CASEWORKER

April 17, 1998

To Whom It May Concern;

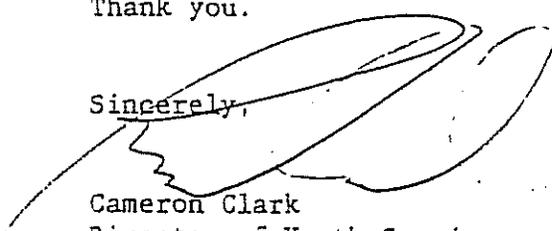
I am writing on behalf of the Family Division of the 19th Circuit Court of Manistee County to express the Court's overwhelming support of the Sportsplex Project now underway.

Over the past decade, the Court has seen a meteoric rise in the number of crimes being committed by our youth. Last year alone, the Court handled 328 complaints against juveniles. Compare this number to the scant 101 complaints received in 1991 and you can begin to see that the Court is dealing with a problem which is snowballing.

There are many reasons for the increase in juvenile crime, and certainly one of them is the lack of affordable year-round recreational opportunities in our county, especially for lower income children and families. The Sportsplex concept will go a long way toward remedying this.

The Court is hopeful that you will support the concept of the Sportsplex and assist in its realization in the necessary manner. Thank you.

Sincerely,



Cameron Clark
Director of Youth Services
Family Division, 19th Circuit Court, Manistee

BROWN TOWNSHIP

9763 Coates Highway

Manistee, MI 49660

April 16, 1998

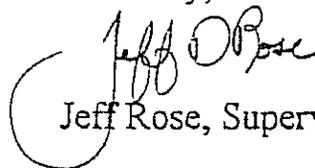
To Whom It May Concern:

At the Brown Township Board meeting last night the Board passed a motion supporting the conceptual Sports Plex plan.

Brown Township is not currently able to offer the types of recreational options to residents that would exist in the proposed facility.

We believe that this type of recreational center would have a very positive impact for all of the residents of Brown Township, particularly school aged children.

Sincerely,

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Jeff Rose, Supervisor

Manistee-Benzie Community Mental Health Services

April 16, 1998

To Whom It May Concern:

.....
A Community
Leader
since 1972

Manistee-Benzie Community Mental Health supports the concept of the proposed Sports Plex.

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Accredited By:

Commission on
Accreditation of
Rehabilitation
Facilities

For a number of years we have worked with different individuals and groups to explore the possibility of such a facility within our service area. We believe that this type of facility would have a broad-based positive impact on the quality of life, and the health of the people within our service area.

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A Member Of:

The National
Council
of Community
Mental
Health Centers

Additionally we provide services to a number of consumers who would be able to utilize the habilitation/rehabilitation options that the proposed facility would offer.

Michigan
Association
of Community
Mental
Health Boards

We would also be very interested in utilizing the facility for the 140 people we currently employ in Manistee and Benzie Counties and their family members covered by our wellness program.

Michigan
Association
of Rehabilitation
Organizations

If you have any questions regarding our interest in this project please feel free to contact me, or Jeff Rose at (616)723-6516.

Sincerely,

Michael Moran R

Michael Moran, C.E.O.

Administrative Offices

P.O. Box 335 • Manistee, MI 49660
(616) 723-6516 • Fax (616) 723-1504

Benzie Counseling Center

P.O. Box 201 • Benzonia, MI 49616
(616) 882-4467 • Fax (616) 882-2360

Manistee Counseling Center

395 Third St. • Manistee, MI 49660
(616) 723-1506 • Fax (616) 723-1735

Lakeshore Enterprises - Benzie

P.O. Box 238 • Benzonia, MI 49616
(616) 882-9601 • Fax (616) 882-5242

Assertive Community Treatment

P.O. Box 487 • Bear Lake, MI 49614
(616) 864-3202 • Fax (616) 864-3199

Benzie Clubhouse

76 Airport Rd. • Frankfort, MI 49635
(616) 352-5052 • Fax (616) 352-8003

Lakeshore Clinical Services

385 Third St. • Manistee, MI 49660
(616) 723-1787 • Fax (616) 723-1792

Lakeshore Enterprises - Manistee

100 S. Glocheski Dr. • Manistee, MI 49660
(616) 723-8678 • Fax (616) 723-1731

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MANISTEE WELDING & PIPING SERVICE INC.

321 PARKDALE AVE.

MANISTEE, MICHIGAN 49860

P.O. BOX 68

PHONE 723-2551

MANISTEE CITY HALL
70 MAPLE STREET
MANISTEE, MI 49660

Manistee City Council,

For many years we have supported and helped out various sports teams and organizations in the Manistee area.

Being a company of such background we have known and felt the need for a sports complex in Manistee.

The Proposed Sports Complex would greatly enhance the Manistee City and Outlying Areas as well as the Out County.

With these ideas in mind, we support Committee in their quest.

Very Truly Yours,



President Manistee Welding

Manistee Swim Team

April 20, 1998

City Council
Manistee, MI 49660

Dear Council Members:

Recently a group of citizens has organized itself to promote and obtain a Sports Complex for Manistee County. Included in this Sports Complex facility, is the consideration of a pool. A Sports Complex with a Olympic size swim pool would be used by our organization to hold practices and swim meet competitions.

For the benefit of the Council members who may have not heard of our organization, here is a brief history and description.

The Manistee Swim Team is an organization that is in its 23rd year of existence. The team is a recreational swim team that allows boy and girls, ages 4 to 19 to compete in a competitive swimming environment. Events are divided by age and sex so that children compete at their own level.

The Manistee Swim is a member of the West Michigan Swim League. The West Michigan Swim League is a recreational swim league that has a summer and a winter swim season. The West Michigan Swim League divides itself into divisions for dual meet competition and at the end of the season championship meets are held. The West Michigan Swim League represents 18-22 different cities from southern Grand Rapids to Manistee along the west side of Michigan. The Manistee Swim Team only participates in the Summer program.

The team originally started at the Filer City pool. The team grew and expanded through the years. It currently uses the pool facility at West Shore Community College. Pool time is purchased for each practice and swim meets. Dial-a-ride transportation time is purchased to get the team to and from the West Shore Community College.

The swim team size has fluctuated through the years from 25 to 80 swimmers. The team typically consists of 50 swimmers.

Supports comes from 4 sources: one, private donations from local business establishments and individual donations; two, Manistee Swim Team membership fees; three, fund raiser events; four, individuals donating time and resources.

Please feel free to contact us with any questions regarding this letter or our involvement in the Manistee Swim Team. Kelvin Malstrom can be reached at (616) 723-1219. Irene Kinley can be reached at (616) 723-1216. During the day, the best times to reach us is between the hours of 7:30 am. to 4:00 pm.

Sincerely,



Kelvin Malstrom
Coach, Manistee Swim Team



Irene Kinley
President, Manistee Swim Team



Human Services Collaborating Body

A Unified Approach to Building Our Community

P.O. Box 611 • Manistee, MI 49660

April 17, 1998

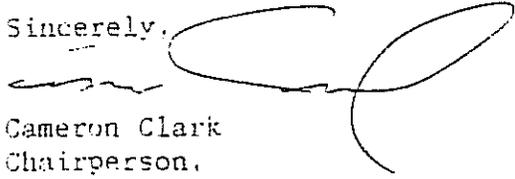
To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing on behalf of the Human Services Collaborating Body of Manistee County to express our overwhelming support of the Sportsplex Project now underway.

Communities throughout Northern Michigan have begun to understand the positive impact a recreational venue of this type can have on their areas. Aside from the obvious health and economic advantages, the overall positive effect of providing families with such a tremendous opportunity for spending quality time together cannot be overstated. A facility like the proposed Sportsplex has the advantage of serving the entire population of the county, regardless of age. The HSCB feels the people of Manistee County are deserving of a facility of this stature.

The Manistee County HSCB has a responsibility to advocate and collaborate in the development of programs and facilities which will enhance the quality of peoples' lives in the county, provide opportunities to promote healthy family values, and create recreational outlets for young and old alike. However, the HSCB is but one entity and needs your support to make the Sportsplex concept a reality for the citizens of Manistee County. Working together we can leave a lasting impression. Thank you.

Sincerely,


Cameron Clark
Chairperson,
Manistee HSCB



SHERIFF Edward A. Haik, Jr.
ADMIN 616-723-8393
FAX 616-723-1498

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT • 1525 E. Parkdale Ave. • Manistee, MI 49660

April 20, 1998

Manistee City Council
Manistee City Hall
550 Maple St.
Manistee, MI 49660

Dear Council Members:

On April 21, 1998 various representatives of this community will make a request for a donation by the Manistee City Council. The request of a donation of 173 acres of City owned land will be for a "Sportsplex" Center. I would like to give my endorsement, along with the entire Manistee County Sheriff Department, for this most worthwhile project.

The development of youth in this county is everyone's responsibility. All youth must be given the chance and opportunity to develop both physically as well as emotionally. A center such as the one being proposed will give our youth an alternative way to grow physically and mentally.

I would hope that the City Council will see the advantage of having such a facility in our immediate area. Your donation of the land will send a strong message to the community of your commitment to the next generation of leaders in Manistee County.

Sincerely,

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Ed Haik
Sheriff

cc. Manistee County Board of Commissioners



JOHN ENGLER, GOVERNOR
DEPARTMENT OF STATE POLICE
COL. MICHAEL D. ROBINSON, DIRECTOR

April 21, 1998

Manistee County Sportsplex Committee
Manistee, MI 49660

Dear Sportsplex Committee:

The purpose of this correspondence is to express my support for the construction of a multi-sports complex within Manistee County. The personnel at the Michigan State Police Post in Manistee, including myself, fully endorse this project.

As law enforcement officials we are concerned about the recent statistics which show an overall drop in violent criminal activity statewide, but the area of violent juvenile crimes shows a sharp increase. The illicit substance use among Manistee County 12th graders is 51% having used substances sometime in the last 12 months, the national average is 39%. Additionally, last year Manistee State Police Post personnel arrested over 100 juveniles under the age of 17. This year almost 30 such arrests have taken place. I believe that a great deal of these problems have to do with the lack of productive activities for youth, this is especially true after school and when school is not in session. Compounding these problems is a lack of mentoring opportunities, which would show area youth how to become productive members of society.

Therefore, as both a private citizen and the post commander of the Manistee State Police Post, I, as well as my staff, are in full support of this project. If I can be of further assistance please call me at (616) 723-3535.

Sincerely,

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BRIAN J. POSTMA, FIRST LIEUTENANT
Commanding Officer
State Police Manistee



IMPORTANT NOTICE

NOTICE MANISTEE TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS

The Manistee Township Zoning Board will meet on the FIRST Thursday of each month at 7:00 PM, unless otherwise advertised. The meeting dates of the Manistee Township Zoning Board will be:

January 8, 1998 (Second Thursday)	July 2, 1998
February 5, 1998	August 6, 1998
March 5, 1998	September 3, 1998
April 2, 1998	October 1, 1998
May 7, 1998	November 5, 1998
June 4, 1998	December 3, 1998

The Manistee Township Board will meet on the SECOND Thursday of each month at 7:30 PM, unless otherwise advertised. The meeting dates of the Manistee Township Board will be:

January 8, 1998	July 9, 1998
February 12, 1998	August 13, 1998
March 12, 1998	September 10, 1998
April 2, 1998 (First Thursday)	October 8, 1998
May 14, 1998	November 5, 1998 (First Thursday)
June 11, 1998	December 10, 1998

The Manistee Township Zoning Appeals Board meets on the FIRST Tuesday of the month there is an appeal. The meetings are posted at the Manistee Township Hall, 410 Holden Street, Manistee.

The Township of Manistee will provide necessary reasonable auxillary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired, and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting/hearing upon two (2) weeks notice to the Township of Manistee. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxillary aids or services should contact the Township of Manistee by writing or calling the following:

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April 29, 1998

Mr. Jack Dinsen
Chairman
Manistee Township Zoning Board
410 Holden Street
Manistee, MI 49660

Dear Mr. Dinsen:

The City of Manistee Planning Commission would like to thank the members of the Manistee Township Zoning Board for attending the joint meeting on April 23, 1998. The meeting provided an opportunity for both of our boards to get acquainted.

We look forward to the opportunity to work with you in the future and it was a pleasure to meet with the members of Manistee Township Zoning Board.

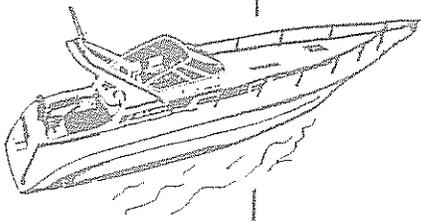
Sincerely,

CITY OF MANISTEE PLANNING COMMISSION

Roger Yoder
Chairman

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Onekama Marine, Inc.

On Beautiful Portage Lake
Box 210
Onekama, Michigan 49675
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May 2, 1998
Community Development Officer
C/O Manistee City Planning Commission
Mr. Jon R. Rose
70 Maple Street, P.O. Box 358
Manistee, MI 49660

Subject Matter:
Requested Vacation Water
Street North of 546 & 550
First Street

Gentlemen;

As an adjacent property owner to the section of Water Street North of 546 & 550 First Street in question, Onekama Marine is objecting to this request of vacation by Mr. Picardat. Certainly vacating this City property would not be it's highest and best use considering Onekama Marine plans to expand it's facilities in the near future which will provide jobs and economic benefit to the City and its residents. In the several meetings with Mr. Ben Bifoss and Mr. Jon Rose prior to the purchase of Cedar Street Marina, Onekama Marine provided detail of its plan related to the potential usage of this platted but undeveloped area. In the near future Onekama Marine plans to petition for this area to be used as an accessory loading and unloading zone for boaters using the River front West of the current docking area now available at the site. See copy of "Bifoss Letter" documenting prior discussion. (1996 enclosed) This area in question will become very important to the expansion of those facilities which at present are providing jobs and taxes in the City of Manistee. Certainly a vacation of this property would be detrimental to the City and its residence. The correspondence enclosed from 1996 discusses our plans in conjunction with this location.

Further, it is our understanding that vacation has been denied in the past on this property, thus we are hopeful the City sees the value of maintaining the current status of this section relative to growth and economic benefit in the future.

Please deny this request for vacation by Mr. Picardat.

Sincerely,

Jim Mrozinski, President
Onekama Marine, Inc.

JM/jh

Enc.

c.c. Dennis Krolczyk

c.c. Ben Bifoss





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April 24, 1998

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To Whom It May Concern:

The Manistee City Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Thursday, May 7, 1998 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall 70 Maple Street, Manistee, MI 49660. The purpose of this hearing is to consider a request from:

NAME: Dale L. Picardat

ADDRESS: 521 Pine Street
Manistee, MI 49660

LOCATION OF REQUEST: North of 546 First Street & 550 First Street

HEARING PURPOSE: Request the vacation of the platted but undeveloped section of Water Street North of 546 & 550 First Street.

Anyone interested in this matter is welcome to attend this meeting.

Sincerely,

CITY OF MANISTEE

Jon R. Rose
Community Development Officer

JRR:djm

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We discussed various changes at the north end of Tamarack Street and the west end of Water Street. As you know, the road cuts a diagonal east of the Water Works building as well as wrapping around behind (to the north and west) of the Water Works building. On several occasions there has been discussion regarding the possibility of vacating the north and west portion of Water Street, leaving traffic to traverse east and south of the Water Works building. This would create additional parking capacity for the Riverwalk access, for the Water Works building and for your anticipated marina improvements. Any vacation of public roads requires a formal review process including a public hearing before the Planning Commission and/or City Council. I neglected to mention the possible need for Circuit Court action to confirm the vacation. An alternative may be to create the parking without a vacation of the right-of-way.

If the marina were constructed and extended to the west, access for your patrons would be an issue. We discussed the possibility of constructing a drop off area, perhaps a "ten minute parking" on the City owned property behind the Paul Burns house. We agreed that any access and/or parking in this area would be much more easily accomplished if you could acquire the Burns house as part of your development project.

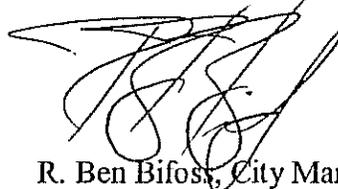
Mr. Picardat purchased Burns

You discussed a desire to operate a full service marina, including gasoline, diesel and repair work. I am not aware of any difficulties associated with that business plan. Generally speaking I noted that you run a very neat, clean and reputable business in Onekama and that we would be pleased to welcome you to the Manistee port. The Cedar Street Marina offers an exciting opportunity for you and for the City to improve the facilities available in this harbor.

If your recollection of our discussions is contrary to the above, please feel free to contact me. Thank you for your interest.

Sincerely,

CITY OF MANISTEE



R. Ben Bifost, City Manager

RBB:ck

cc. Manistee City Council