

**MANISTEE CITY COUNCIL
WORK SESSION
MINUTES OF MAY 9, 2017**

The Manistee City Council met in a work session on Tuesday, May 9, 2017 at 7:00 p.m., Council Chambers, City Hall, 70 Maple Street, Manistee, Michigan 49660.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dale Cooper, Lynda Beaton, Roger Zielinski, Robert Goodspeed, James Smith, Mark Wittlieff, Erin Pontiac

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: City Manager, Department Directors, Staff, Public

Public Comments

None received.

Salt City Rock & Blues Band Shell Concept Plans At First Street Beach

Discussed:

- Paul Anderson, president of Salt City Rock & Blues commented on their history of donating profits from their 4th of July concerts to different organizations; would like to see a waterfront stage area and offered to help finance it by starting an escrow account with this year's concert profits.
- Amount of seating.
- Parks Commission fully supports the concept.
- Would like to start fundraising and promoting the idea of creating the stage area.
- Impact on parking availability.
- How the use of the stage would be regulated.
- Maintenance.

CONSENSUS: Would like this to move forward, have Parks Commission take the lead, and bring it back to Council to vote on.

Discussion On Fifth Avenue Beach Parking Lot / Sidewalk / Berm

Discussed:

- Trees - Mikula commented on the removal and replacement of existing trees in the shade structure area; endorsed by the Tree Commission and the Parks Commission; intend to replant 10-12 trees in the Fall; approximate cost of \$300 per tree which will be covered by the annual tree planting budget.
- Berm (by north parking lot) – parking issues due to blowing sand; part of berm was removed years ago, would like to remove again; proposing to build a short wall between the parking lot and the beach to address this ongoing problem; also proposing another short wall by the berm between the parking lot and the sidewalk; no estimates available yet.

CONSENSUS: Send property owners a letter of proposed plan; absent any major objections, go ahead with the plan.

Medical Marijuana Request By Attorney Mark Quinn

Discussed:

- Mark Quinn, per the request of his client, gave Council an overview on the Medical Marijuana Act.
- Five types of facilities will be allowed by the Act; they will be monitored and subject to 24/7 examination by the State or law enforcement.
- If City does nothing to allow this, it doesn't happen.
- Clients interested in a provisioning center.
- State issues the license.
- Discussed fees and revenues to the governing body.
- Can we pick and choose what type of facility we would allow.
- Could all five facilities be under one roof - regulated
- Facilities must be in an agricultural or industrial area.
- Potential for job creation in all five types of facilities.
- December 15th the soonest an application could be submitted to the State.
- Would be prudent to thoroughly research the subject, not be reactive.
- MML may have more information on their website.

CONSENSUS: Would like further discussion at a future work session.

DDA Tax Increment Financing

Discussed:

- Need to start thinking about DDA renewal of agreement, expires in 2020.
- Suggested coming up with a scoresheet to help evaluate the DDA, how well it is being managed, improvements, benefits of going thru this process.
- Their last bond will be paid off in 2020.
- An updated plan is a priority.
- Process should be similar to the AES.

CONSENSUS: Staff will bring back conceptual plans of the effectiveness of the DDA for Council's consideration.

Discussion n Non-Profits Using City Facilities At No Cost

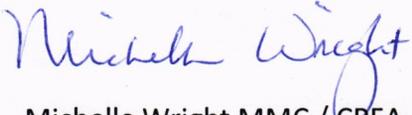
Discussed:

- Taylor stated there is an unwritten practice of allowing non-profits use of some of the City facilities (ex. marina open space). Is Council comfortable with this practice?
- Comfortable with it except if they are raising money.
- Church is currently renting it.
- Senior Center uses it for some classes.
- Would be nice to have a written policy on it.
- It is being handled properly.
- If they only use it only once in a while – no charge; if it is reoccurring – charge.
- Is another policy really necessary.

- Any liability to the City, is a disclaimer needed.
- Feels it is part of City services.

CONSENSUS: Will continue with this practice.

Meeting adjourned at 8:24 p.m.



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Waterfront Stage Area

Concept Proposal

May 9, 2017



Salt City Rock & Blues Inc

Mission Statement

Our mission is to increase the Quality of Life to the people in the Manistee Area by providing good concerts at one of the area's best assets, the beaches of Lake Michigan. It is our intent to use this as a fundraising tool to further enhance those Lake Michigan areas while showcasing those areas in an effort to help the community.

Background

Salt City Rock & Blues first came together in the fall of 2012 as they prepared to put together a "Reunion" concert of a couple local bands from the 60's & 70's, **Band X** and **Red Apple Road**. This concert was fairly successful and from the proceeds of this concert we were able to donate **\$10,000** to the **Lighthouse Preservation Project**. The committee and the concerts continued for the next 3 years and we were able to donate more to the community.

In Total

Lighthouse Preservation Project	\$17,500
Humane Society	\$ 5,000

This year **Salt City Rock & Blues Inc** has taken a major step by incorporating and wishes to go forward with a new cause in mind. The funding of a **Waterfront Stage Area** for the entire community to share.

Concept

The concept of a Waterfront Stage Area is something which is already in the Parks Department's long range plan. While speaking to Jeff Mikula we learned this is something which has been in the planning stage for several years now but is still years down the road.

Our intent is to create an escrow account for the purpose of paying for this stage and hopefully bring it to a reality even sooner. This escrow account will be funded largely by future concerts starting with the one this July 1st as well as Fundraising, donations from interested citizens and companies and hopefully grants.

Once the escrow account starts to build funds can be made available for the architectural design and other startup costs which will help bring us a clear picture of the overall cost. Eventually funds would be turned over for the construction of this stage area.

The Stage would be City Owned and City Controlled. Our only request is that we would be involved in the design process only to the point it would fill our needs for future concerts and of course we would ask that the stage be available to us for future fundraising concerts. Our intention is for Salt City Rock & Blues Inc to continue on raising funds for even more quality entertainment opportunities in the future.

Purpose of this Meeting

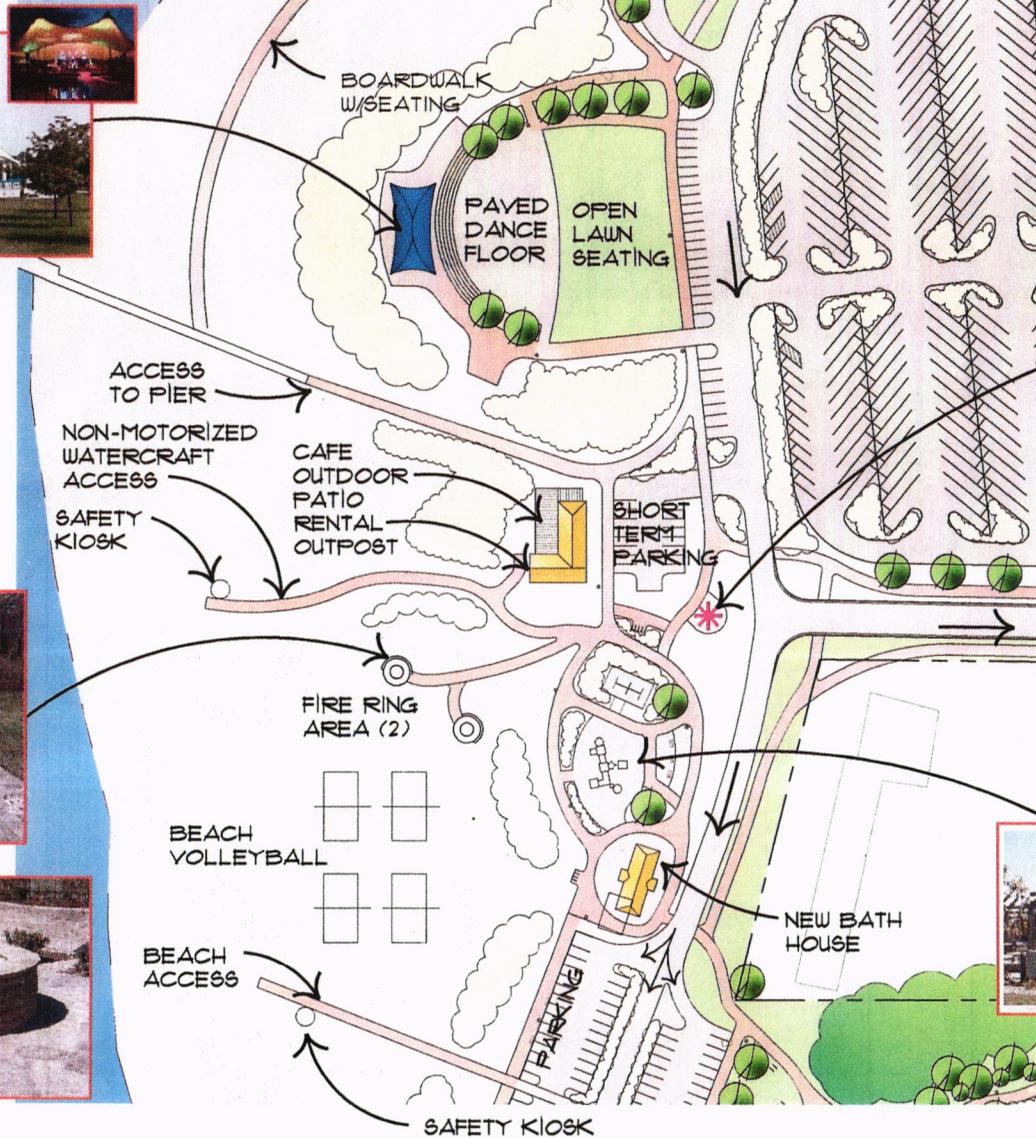
We understand this concept has been presented to the Parks Board by Jeff Mikula and the board has given us a yes vote on the concept. We are here today to inform the City Commission and hope to get their approval. We intend to use this concept in our marketing and fundraising efforts so our escrow account can get off to a good start following this year's concert.



EXAMPLES OF WATERFRONT STAGE AREA



EXAMPLES OF FIRE RING AREA



FOCAL POINT



EXAMPLES OF PLAY AREA W/SUNSET SEATING



NOTE: DRAWING FOR SCHEMATIC PURPOSES ONLY



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ENLARGED PLAN - SHEET 3
DOUGLAS PARK / FIRST STREET BEACH
CITY OF MANISTEE PARKS MASTER PLAN



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