

MANISTEE BOARD OF APPEALS

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MEETING MINUTES

June 16, 1997

A special meeting of the Manistee Board of Appeals was held to hear a Maintenance Code Appeal on Monday, June 16, 1997 at 5:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers of City Hall, 70 Maple Street, Manistee, Michigan.

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Chairman Ed Grabowski.

MEMBERS PRESENT: M. Johnson, E. Budnik, E. Grabowski, D. Jones,

ALTERNATES PRESENT: R. Tetsworth, R. Johnson

MEMBERS ABSENT: E. Gutowski

OTHERS PRESENT: Carol Blain, 196 Washington Street, Frank Swett, 513 First Street, Ray Fortier, City Council, Jon Rose, Community Development Officer

MOTION by Budnik, supported by Tetsworth that the minutes of the May 29, 1997 meeting be approved.

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Chair Grabowski explained the meeting of the May 29, 1997 resulted in a motion to allow Ms. Blain to obtain commitments from Electrical and Building Contractors. The purpose of this meeting was to review proposals which Ms. Blain was to obtain from an Electrical Contractor and a Building Contractor.

Ms. Blain stated she had talked to several Electrical Contractors. While none of the contractors looked at the job, one of them (Saunders) said they thought the job would take about two and a half weeks. Saunders had also told Ms. Blain they could look at the job on Tuesday, June 17th. Sanders gave a "ball park" quote of \$10,000 to do the work.

Ms. Blain was unsuccessful in getting a general contractor to look at the work. She did contact Joseph Helminiak (Helminski?) who told her he would not even be able to even look at the job for some time.

After considerable discussion MOTION by Tetsworth, support from Jones that the deadline in Jon Rose's letter dated April 28, 1997 be extended to July 19, 1997 at which time all requirements of Rose's letter are to be completed or demolition to take place.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mr. Swett requested that the minutes show that Rose was requiring the electrical work to be done by a licensed electrical contractor.

Rose stated that was indeed the case. While the Electrical Code allowed a homeowner to do their own work with a permits the concern in this case was that a great deal of work had been done by various people without permits. The only way to ensure that the work which was already done was safe was to have it all inspected by a licensed contractor. Rose stated that merely getting an electrical permit and for the work that was proposed would not guarantee that the previous work was up to code.

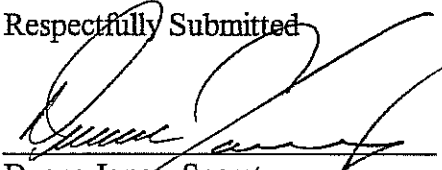
Rose also pointed out that there was a requirement that the work be performed by contractors in order to give the Appeals Board a method of evaluating how long an extension would be appropriate.

Ms. Blain also requested that the minutes show that a time extension for compliance would be considered by the Board if someone was interested in purchasing the property. The Board confirmed that they would be willing to listen to a request from another party and if they could be given assurances that the work would be completed in a timely matter they would be willing to consider extensions.

MOTION by Jones, support by M. Johnson that the meeting be adjourned.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted



Duane Jones, Secretary