

Actions

Public Participation

Establish a Township website.

Recruit new community volunteers to serve on standing boards and commission or to participate in special task forces developed to accomplish specific tasks.

Intergovernmental Cooperation

Institute a regular means of communication and cooperation with the activities of the City of Manistee (Planning Commission, DDA, and Board/Council).

Look for opportunities to partner with the City of Manistee in order to improve services to residents and avoid a duplication of services between governments.

Recruit a new volunteer to apply to serve on the County Planning Commission. (Currently there is not a representative from Filer Township on the County Planning Commission.)

Communicate with County Commissioner Ervin Kowalski on county matters which affect Filer Township.

Appoint a representative to attend all meetings of the Railroad Relocation Study and report back to the Planning Commission and Township Board.

Participate in the upcoming County Branding Initiative program/group.

Reestablish locally the practice of a site plan review technical committee meeting (previously done by the County Planning Office, now discontinued).

Transportation

Develop a non-motorized transportation committee and plan in cooperation or coordination with the existing Non-Motorized Subcommittee of the City of Manistee.

Consider opportunities to make private roads connect to other roads or preserve the option for future connections rather than allowing cul-de-sac design (similar to current County Road Commission policy).

US-31 Corridor

Adopt the complete model zoning ordinance language for access management included in the Access Management Plan for the US-31 Corridor.

Develop appearance standards/architectural regulations for the US-31 Corridor area to promote a more unified, attractive appearance to the area.

Develop landscaping requirements for the US-31 Corridor area to promote a more attractive appearance to the area.

Coordinate with the non-motorized committee and MDOT to plan a pedestrian crossing at the light at Red Apple Road.

Coordinate with the non-motorized committee and MDOT to plan for pedestrian access to the US-31 commercial corridor area.

Create an access road / arterial road plan to proactively plan for future road connections and extensions along the US-31 commercial corridor.

Place identification signs at the entrances to Filer Township.

Filer City/Oak Hill

Establish a line of communication with the school district to follow the discussion about changes to the elementary school.

Improve the Filer City Park and "Rec" Center

Cooperate in regional efforts to find a new user of the Drop Forge site.

Install a sidewalk/pathway on Tabor Hill and north to the city limits.

Create a "Clean Up, Fix Up" community activity to encourage property maintenance.

Encourage neighborhood commercial development in the Filer City/Oak Hill neighborhoods (Mee Street, Nelson Street)

Create a historical society group to pursue historic information and preservation activities.

Economic Development

Actively pursue a sewer service agreement with the City of Manistee. Consider funding options and requirements as a necessary part of developing the agreement.

Develop a connection from the snowmobile trail to the US-31 corridor to bring snowmobilers to the commercial corridor.

Coordinate with the activities and initiatives of the Alliance for Economic Success (AES) as they relate to the regional economy.

Recreation

Create a township park around the township hall.

Improve existing neighborhood park.

Improve Recreation Center building.

Create a new picnic area on Manistee Lake.

Work with the County Parks and Recreation efforts to consider a regional trail around Manistee Lake that serves to connect waterfront areas without crossing established industrial properties. (The trail itself need not be located on the waterfront.)