Chassell Township Planning Commission Meeting Minutes

Dated: February 2, 2017 Chassell Fire Hall

Planning Commission Officers Present

Darlene Gronevelt

Keith Meyers

Lou Ellyn Helman

Steve Spahn

Bryan Lagalo

Brian Waters

Julie Meyers

Guests and Residents of Chassell

Fredricka Gast

Meeting called to order at 7:12 p.m.

- Welcomed Planning Commission Officers, Chassell Township Residents and Guests
- Approval of the Agenda: motion by Lou Ellyn Helman, support Keith Meyers
- Approval of the January 5, 2017 minutes: motion by Keith Meyer support by Lou Ellyn Helman Ayes all.
- Public Comments None

Old Business

- Bryan Lagalo applied for petition to the open seat on the Chassell Planning Commission. He is a resident of
 Chassell and would like to get involved in the community he lives in. Experience: Full-time faculty member at
 MTU in the School of Business and Economics. Consultant on a grant proposal with WUPPDR investigating solar
 energy and creating jobs in renewable energy. Advisor for MTU student organizations would be willing to
 coordinate student volunteers for various projects.
- Brian Waters made a motion to accept Bryan to the Planning Commission. Ayes all.
- Dangerous Building Committee provided hand outs and discussed:
 - ➤ Draft Civil Infraction Ordinance —Identify a hearing date on each ordinance. Move from one person to a three person panel to include one person from the Chassell Township Board, one person from the Board of Review and one person from the Planning Commission. Time-line discussed.
 - Example of the procedure: Complete an appraisal, bring before the township, panel reviews, ruling made would go to township board. Ruling/decision would be to modify, make safe, tear down or consider other options.
 - Motion by Keith Meyer to approve the Civil Infraction Ordinance, support by Brian Waters.
 - Chassell Township Dangerous Building Ordinance Repeal/Replace -- Keith Meyer's to rewrite.
 - ➤ Draft of US 41 Commercial District Blight Ordinance Commercial District be identified from Township Boarder to Township Boarder along US 41.

Keith Meyer made a motion to meet with Dave Mattson and have our attorney review draft, support by Brian Waters

- Park & Recreation Committee did not meet. Brian had a conversation with Ken Vrana the Director of the Isle Royal Institute and the Ford Forestry Center. He teaches classes at MTU in Outdoor Recreation and would assist us as we move forward to enhance the recreational experience in the Township.
- Brian Waters volunteered to attend the Regulating Medical Marijuana Facilities Workshop for Local Governments.

New Business

- Suggestion for notifying the community regarding announcement of meetings, etc. be placed in the water bills as another source of communication.
- chassell.net improvements & the development of a Township Facebook page
- Park Security Camera System & the Risk Reduction Grant
- Public input on Updates/Changes to the 2012-2017 Recreation Plan

Next meeting March 2, 2017

8: 24 p.m. Brian Waters motioned to adjourn, 2nd Steve Spahn

Respectfully Submitted by:

Brian Waters

Chassell Township Planning Commission Chair

Darlene Gronevelt

Chassell Township Planning Commission Secretary