

Chassell Township Planning Commission

Meeting Minutes

Dated: April 5, 2018

Chassell Fire Hall

Planning Commission Officers Present

Darlene Gronevelt

Ericka Malone

Dan Palosaari

Doug Hamar

Julie Meyers

Steve Spahn

Lou Ellyn Helman

Keith Meyers

Brian Waters

Guests and Residents of Chassell Township

Melinee Watkins

Meeting called to order at 7:01 p.m.

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Welcomed Planning Commission Officers, Chassell Township Residents
3. Approval of the Agenda: motion by Brian Waters. 2nd Keith Meyers. Ayes all.
4. Approval of the March 9, 2018 minutes with noted changes: motion by Doug Hamar, 2nd Lou Ellyn Helman. Ayes all.
5. **Public Comments:** None
6. **Announcement:** Ericka Malone new Planning Commission Secretary beginning May, 2018. Dar Gronevelt stepping down due to travel demands.
7. **Old Business**
 - a. Chassell Township Logo – Hanna Scott student at Finlandia University ~~completed~~ logo ^{IS WORKING ON THE} waiting final approval.
 - b. Road Improvement Committee – members of the road improvement committee to be identified by the end of April. A list of roads needing paving to be determined. Keith Meyers to meet with Lynn Gierke to go over the paving history of the roads in the Township prior to prioritizing those roads that need to be serviced after spring thaw.
 - c. Blight Ordinance Survey – suggesting Survey Monkey be used. Scheduling time to put together questions to administer in July. Residents to be on the alert for!
 - d. Portage Health Foundation Grant – Per Keith Meyers: Award announcement planned for tomorrow April 6. Will report on the results at the next meeting.
 - e. Chassell Mercantile updates – Since collapse of the roof -- owner has received registered letter from the Township for clean-up. Waiting for response.
 - f. Chassell Township Mission Statement – To be written and reviewed
 - g. Superior National Bank remote sign – responses have been that the font is too large. Will work to downsize.

7. New Business

- a. Portage/Chassell Township Trail Authority – Melinee Watkins spoke on behalf of Bruce Peterson from Portage Township. Suggesting Chassell Township join the Portage trail authority to save time. Get Chassell Township represented on the Keweenaw Trail Board as well since Portage Township is not very active. Connectivity of the trails would be advantages to the economic development of Chassell.
- b. 2018-2023 Recreation Plan is now in place and on the Chassell Website.
- c. Suggesting an official acknowledgement be given to Ken Vrana and the work he has done for the Planning Commission and Township. Ayes all – plans being made.
- d. Water Trail / DNR Grant Application – Proposal given to have a kayak and canoe landing. Paul Peterson from Lansing responding favorably during Tri-media clean-up.

- e. Interpretive historical walk – Industrial Archeology group at MTU In-kind. Plan to work with Industrial Graphics to obtain the cost to do the historical signage in Chassell as they have done throughout Copper Harbor. MTU class along with LuAnn Worst at Chassell High School have students engaged in tracking down the historical information.
- f. Chassell Lions Club meeting resulted in a strong interest to volunteer to assist with planning commission projects.
- g.

Next meeting date – May 3, 2018

Brian Waters made a motion to close the meeting at 8:10 p.m. 2nd Steve Spahn.

Brian Waters
Chassell Township Planning Commission Chair

Darlene Gronevelt
Chassell Township Planning Commission Secretary