

Chassell Township Planning Commission Meeting Minutes

Dated: March 9, 2018

Chassell Fire Hall

Planning Commission Officers Present

Darlene Gronevelt

Doug Hamar

Lou Elyn Helman

Ericka Malone

Julie Meyers

Keith Meyers

Dan Palosaari

Steve Spahn

Brian Waters

Guests and Residents of Chassell Township

State Police Officer Pat Butler

Pat Heldt

Rebecca Vollrath

Lloyd Heldt

Ken Verona

Meeting called to order at 6:45 p.m.

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Welcomed Planning Commission Officers, Chassell Township Residents
3. Approval of the Agenda: motion by Steve Spahn, 2nd Brian Waters. Ayes all.
4. Approval of the February 8, 2018 minutes with noted changes: motion by Brian Waters, 2nd Keith Meyers. Ayes all.
5. **Public Comments:** None
6. **Announcement:** Andrew Kemp is the new Chassell Township Zoning Director
7. **Presentation to the Board – Two presenters**

Rebecca Vollrath new resident and veterinarian spoke on planning ahead for the gated dog park. Suggesting a gated pass be utilized for the dog park. Showing the animals are registered and up-to-date with shots keeping health problems to a minimum as is used in other communities such as Lansing. The small fee for the key pass would then help maintain the dog park.

Lynn Gierke invited State Police Officer Pat Butler to cover policies of enforcement. Based on a recent request by a Chassell Township resident Elizabeth Pierre. She is asking that the Chassell Planning Commission come up with a new ordinance against air-guns in the township. In short: everything is covered under the State Laws already in place and therefore, question the need for an ordinance.

Planning Commission addressed a concern to Officer Butler about slowing down the traffic through Chassell.

The State Police can regulate "passing" and "no passing" areas on US41 in Chassell. If they are asked they will patrol and ticket. Officer Butler recommended we present to both MDOT and the State Police for signage nad double yellow lines.. Can email Pat Butler regarding this subject butlerp1@michign.gov A project like this becomes a priority especially after the accident that recently occurred in Chassell.

Suggestion made to utilize Monkey survey prior to its expiration in July. Important enough to reach all the residents of Chassell determining the need to post signs and paint double yellow lines on the highway in an effort to slow

down the traffic through downtown Chassell. This survey will then be a tool to bring to MDOT and the State Police Department.

8. Old Business

- a. Chassell Township Logo – Hanna Scott student at Finlandia University presented two drafts for review. Community members responded – working on changes
- b. Planning Commission Mission Statement- 2 handed in
- c. Road Improvement Committee – did not meet
- d. Blight Ordinance Survey – goes out in July
- e. Portage Health Foundation Grant – Keith Meyer submitted waiting for results (dog park)
- f. Chassell Mercantile updates – Since collapse of the roof has qualified for Brownfield

9. New Business

- a. 2018-2013 Recreation Plan – incorporate changes present to board next Wednesday.
- b. Chassell Water Trail – DEQ and the DNR are open for improved landings. Dan Palosaari suggesting that the Snake River be added. Often a forgotten river.
- c. Interpretive historical walk – Industrial Archeology group at MTU In-kind. Industrial Graphics have done the historical signage in the Copper Harbor area suggesting we consider working with them. Sturdy and long-lasting the goal!
- d. Noise Ordinance – Non-existent as Lloyd and Pat Heldt have researched and brought to the attention of the Planning Commission.

Next meeting date – April 5, 2018

Darlene Gronevelt made a motion to close the meeting at 8:00 p.m. 2nd Brian Waters.

Brian Waters
Chassell Township Planning Commission Chair
Commission Secretary

Darlene Gronevelt
Chassell Township Planning