

Minutes

Meeting: Chassell Township Planning Commission Meeting

Date: May 3, 2018

Location: Chassell Fire Hall

Planning Commission Officers Present

- Doug Hamar
- Ericka Malone
- Julie Meyers
- Keith Meyers
- Dan Palosaari
- Steve Spahn
- Brian Waters

Guests/Chassell Residents Present

- Mariana-works at Chassell Schools. Has been a resident for 4 years.

Meeting Called to Order at 7pm

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Welcomed Planning Commission Officers and Chassell Township Residents
3. Approval of the Agenda: motion by Keith Meyers, 2nd by Doug Hamar, Ayes all.
4. Approval of the April Minutes: motion by Keith Meyers, 2nd by Steve Spahn, Ayes All
5. Public Comment:
 - a. Mariana paints murals with the students of Chassell schools. She's looking to beautify Chassell and is inquiring about any Township owned buildings that her and the students could paint a mural on. Many options discussed.
 - i. Brian recommended to give Lion's Club a canvas mural that could be displayed at Strawberry Festival.
 - ii. Recommended that Mariana talks to Judy with the Lion's Club and follow up with Lynn.
 - iii. Also recommended the small township owned garage.
 - iv. The Planning Commission is in support of this idea. Will discuss further at the next meeting after Mariana has followed up with recommended options.

- b. Keith Meyers: Funding has been secured for phase 1 of the accessibility project at the Heritage Center. This phase is a ramp to access the building. Phase 2 of the project will include an elevator.

6. Old Business:

- a. Chassell Township Logo
 - i. Examples from Hanna were passed around. Mariana gave input on some changes. Decision was made to allow Mariana to bring forward some ideas for the logo.
- b. Blight Ordinance Survey
 - i. Brian talked to Lynn. Survey Monkey expires June 21 and tax bills don't go out until July. Survey Monkey is \$440/year subscription. Brian to suggest renewing the subscription at the next township meeting. Dan Palosaari will add to agenda as well. Recommend sending a notice in the tax bill.
- c. Chassell Mercantile Update
 - i. Still haven't heard anything. Planning to take legal action. Blight grant through MISHTA is expected soon. This could be a good source of funding to take care of the building. This is to be expected around mid-May.
 - ii. Dan Palosaari will write a formal invoice to submit to the township for record for clean-up done thus far.
- d. Mission Statement
 - i. No changes. Still no further input.
- e. Official Acknowledgement for Ken Vrana
 - i. Keith wrote a thank you letter to Ken, it was sent to Ken's Supervisor. A copy of the letter has been saved to the township file.


7. New Business:

- a. Portage/Chassell Township Trail Authority-Bruce Peterson
 - i. Melanie reached out to Keweenaw Trail and they are interested in working with us. Bruce Peterson wants to hold a follow-up meeting. It is recommended that Ron Yesney be included in this conversation. Planning Commission is to provide Bruce with the number of Chassell Reps interested.
 - ii. Brian Waters mentioned that Dan Delquest suggested not to merge with Keweenaw Trail
 - iii. Keith is to talk with Jeff's contact and set up the meeting with Bruce.
- b. Historic Trail Update

- i. Grant was not successful. Other proposals were able to provide hard match. Archeology group at Tech and Chassell school students are working together to interviewing people with historic knowledge of Chassell. There is an option to "Adopt a sign" for \$630.
- c. Houghton County Road Commission Meeting
 - i. Documents passed around. One was a list of the upcoming projects and total cost. The other document "Current Surface Rating Report" is a list of the ratings for all the roads in Houghton County. (1 is low, 10 is high) (RSL stands for remaining service life)
 - ii. Recommendation that the Township evaluates roads in August. Pictures should be taken now for areas of concern.
- d. Recreation Millage
 - i. Discussion on how and when to approach this. Also a discussion on whether milfoil should be considered part of the Rec Millage. Some recommend part of the millage go towards milfiol, some recommend adding this to survey monkey to get input, some think this is best kept separate. The Milfoil project was 5 years in length, currently 2 years remain. Discussion to put on November elections if we have not already missed the deadline.
 - ii. Motion to propose to the township board that ½ a mill be put on the November Elections for the Recreation Millage. Motion made by Keith Meyers, 2nd by Doug Hamar.

Next Meeting Date: June 7, 2018

Brian Waters made a motion to adjourn the meeting.



Brian Waters
Chassell Twp Planning Commission Chair

Ericka Malone
Planning Commission Secretary