

Minutes

Chassell Township Planning Commission Meeting
August 2, 2018
Chassell Fire Hall

1. Call to order 7:00 pm
2. Pledge of allegiance
 - a. Present: Steve Spahn, Keith Meyers, Julie Meyers, Brian waters, Dale Peterson, Ericka Malone
3. Approval of the agenda. Brian Moves, Dale Second
4. Reading and approval of the minutes. Ericka to adjust attendance & start tracking attendance. Adjustments to make to July Minutes: Dale Peterson...add last name. Item B FEMA floods only applies to the Mercantile. Item e: clarify the monthly meeting is the road commission meeting. Make adjustments and send them to Brian. Keith moves to approve the minutes. All Aye
5. Public comments
 - a. Mariana has a concern about zoning on half moon beach being urban residential. And notes there is no single residential zoning in chassell. Commission to consider this in future. Re-evaluating zoning has been something the Township wants to look into soon.
 - b. Mariana has applied for a Art grant. 1x weekly 3-5pm during school and a summer art class.
6. Old business
 - a. Chassell township logo-Mariana will have a competition during school for students to create a logo.
 - b. Chassell Mercantile update-A letter has been sent to Nick Davatella to seek judgement in small claims court for civil infractions and building teardown fees. Brian drafted letter and it has been sent out.
 - c. Mission statement-mission and vision created. Attachment included in binder. Dale Peterson requested to add "visitors" in addition to residents. Dale motion to accept as amended and recommend to the board. All ayes.
 - d. Portage/chassell township trail authority-Hosting a discussion with Bruce Peterson to gauge public interest.
 - e. Township road committee/issues: Dale Peterson will be attending the monthly road commission meetings. The past meeting focused on flood damage in the County. Dale asked about Chassell Twp specifically, inquiring about the funding for townships. 100% funding is very difficulty to get and will take up to 2-3 years to get money. Dale ~~requested~~^{suggested} a 1-time county millage to help pay down the loans to repair damage.
Boundary Rd-Dale brought this up at the County meeting. Chassell paid for the W end of boundary rd. Portage was supposed to pay for the east. County was going to take

down the hill to fix the safety issue with line of sight. County was ready to help Portage with costs but nothing ended up happening. Project is still in limbo.

Massie Rd-Isn't even on the list. Planning to leave not paved.

Not all townships submit 5-year plan. The goal moving forward is for the road committee to come up with a list for the September meeting of the Township board. Remember Chassell has a millage that could help contribute to road repairs.

County will not be cutting the shoulders this year at all.

Public question-how can public give input.

Recommendation not to do a worst first, but rather work on maintaining average roads to prevent larger project costs.

2011 is the last time the county rated the roads.

Lower Pike road-looking to finish the paving. Public comment request to add to 5-year plan. Dale mentioned that this is within the current county 5-year plan.

- f. Zoning ordinance: ^{not}
- g. Allowing dogs in the park/pet waste stations: installed. Pets are allowed in the park. Positive remarks on the Chassell Township FB page.
- h. Interpretive trail: Students in Finland for the summer. Route to be finalized in the late summer/early fall and brush clear the trail. Dale Peterson recommended corporate sponsorships if funding is difficult.

7. New Business

- a. Portage paddle sports: Brandon could not make the meeting tonight. He wants to do something during Strawberry Festival next year.
- b. Blight ordinance survey: sent out with taxes. Have received 77 responses. Plan to wait another month before closing and reviewing surveys. Brian will email the results.
- c. Planning commission membership: Dale submitted a letter that he's interested in renewing. Steve needs to send a letter to renew. Brian move to make a recommendation to the board that Steve and Dale continue. Keith seconds. All aye.
- d. Sturgeon river boat/canoe launch: Received funding from the DNR 50% grant to do an Engineering Study. TriMedia interested in helping with the other 50% match but needs to verify a few things first. Holding a meeting with the DEQ, USACE, and MDOT before TriMedia will participate. Engineering Study \$10,000 fee. Waterways Grant from DNR is for \$5,000. DNR requires a specific Engineer who has done boat/canoe launches in the past. John Piettila.
- e. Marina information. Brian has a handout. Current rates at Houghton and Baraga Marinas. Dale Peterson brought up the question of security.
- f. Horseshoe pits in the park. Julie wants to potentially get rid of the horseshoe pits. Recommended to ask the citizens if they like them. If not, we will remove them. Keith recommends to put it out on the Township FB page and see what the community thinks.

8. Next meeting date Sept 6, 2018 @7

9. Adjourn at 8:14pm