

MINUTES

Chassell Township Planning Commission Meeting

Dated: January 3, 2019

Chassell Fire Hall

Attendance: Ericka Malone, Keith Meyers, Julie Meyers, Steve Spahn, Brian Waters, Doug Hamar, Peter Torola, Dan Palosaari

1. Call to Order 7:00 PM
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Approval of the Agenda Brian move, Steve second.
4. Reading and Approval of the Minutes Doug moves to approve, Brian Second.
5. Public Comments
 - a. Michael Mallow Coffee shop-still actively pursuing. Michael sent an email to the planning commission explaining his current position. Planning Commission expressed support
 - b. Todd Hamar and family-Halfmoon property expressed concern of zoning. Wanted to clarify that they enjoy the community and want to be a part of the community and have no intent of creating apartments or rental property. Wanted to ensure the zoning changes were not targeting his property to where in the future his property would not fit in on half-moon beach.
6. Old Business
 - a. Chassell Township Logo
 - i. School project to cultivate ideas. Students will be working on this month
 - b. Chassell Mercantile Update
 - i. Waiting on Nick to be back in office. Will be back tomorrow
 - c. Portage/Chassell Township Trail Authority
 - i. Didn't meeting last month
 - d. Blight Ordinance Survey
 - i. Hold until zoning ordinance is complete
 - e. Road Commission Report

- i. Peter attended the meeting.
 - ii. Chassell's submission was received. County is getting quantities and costs.
 - iii. County is short on federal match (FHWA).
 - iv. Project submitted on the 5 year plan-labor is free, materials we pay for.
 - v. Pete plans to attend next month's meeting as well.
- f. Historical Trail Update
 - i. LuAnne Wurst connected with Barbara Wells. Interested in doing a dig at the site of the old Chassell boarding house located on Barbara's property.
 - ii. Ken Vranna and students-willing to start planning the dog park and fitness trail
- g. Zoning Ordinance Review
 - i. Continuing. Next meeting is monday at noon.
 - ii. Tiny Housees will be added to the zoning ordinance
- h. Community Center Update
 - i. Break-in in November
 - ii. Owner will call for a meeting in the next few weeks

7. New Business

- a. Sturgeon River Boat/Canoe/Kayak Site & Launch Site Engineering Study RFP
 - i. Township needs to review and pass the resolution to advertise the RFP
 - ii. Committee members attended site visit
 - iii. Material contribution of riprap approximately \$5,000 which will count as community in-kind match for construction.
- b. DNR Recreation Grant Workshop
 - i. Several committee members planning to attend.
- c. 2019 Grant Applications
 - i. Keith presented a table from the DNR describing the different grants available. Potential options for funding opportunities
 - ii. Portage Health Foundation Recreation Grant deadline this Spring.
 - iii. Funds from rec millage available after summer taxes
 - iv. Keith to invite Ken Vrana to the next meeting to discuss the next recreation plan.
- d. Baraga To Arnheim Rail Trail Grant / continue to Chassell
 - i. Need to continue coordinating with Bruce Peterson to create a Trail Authority.

e. 2019 Project Priorities

- i. April 1st deadline for ALL DNR grants
- ii. RFP for boat launch
- iii. Senate Bill 1116 Rewrite in the Michigan Transportation Fund. 3 million-a new fund for small agencies, but Township potentially not included only Cities and Villages

f. Recreational Marijuana Law - Opt Out?

- i. Discussed at the last board meeting. Proposal to opt out until Laws are in place by next year. 60 counties opted out. City of Houghton considered opting out.
- ii. Doug moved to recommend to the board to opt out. Brian seconds.
All Aye

8. Next meeting date - February 7, 2019 7pm 9. Adjourn