

MINUTES

Chassell Township
Planning Commission Meeting
Dated: May 6, 2021
Chassell Fire Hall

Attendance: Ericka, Keith, Brian, Trevor, Dan, Steve, Doug, TJ

1. Call to Order 7:03
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Approval of the Agenda Trevor moves, Brian seconds, all aye
4. Reading and Approval of March Minutes. Approved, no changes
5. Public Comments
 - a. Keith-Remote Workforce Keweenaw. Interview with local who works remotely as Professor at University of WI Madison. Utilized Starlink to host lectures successfully.
 - b. Chippewa Apartments are up for sale
6. Road Commission Report
 - a. Not proceeding with entire Lower Massie, just the upper part of Lower Massie. MDOT is looking for funding to put a box culvert under 41 at the bottom.
 - b. Boundary Rd will be completed this year. Blind hill will be cut down.
7. Old Business
 - a. Chassell Mercantile Update
 - i. Continuing to ticket. Amy to impress the implications of the Lien put on the property on the owner.
 - b. Historical Trail Update
 - i. Working on EGLE permit and insurance
 - ii. Need to map out trail with a GPS
 - c. Community Center Update
 - i. Coming along well. PC looking for a time to do a walkthrough.
 - ii. Occupancy planned for early summer
 - d. Centennial Park Accessibility
 - i. No progress. Brian to follow up with DPW
 - e. Park Board Walk/Marina Study
 - i. No update
 - f. Sturgeon River Launch
 - i. Waiting on EGLE permit
 - ii. No longer able to keep things local due to high bids.
 - iii. Waiting on finalizing manufacturer and permit to move forward and

EGLE permit.

- g. Zoning Ordinance Committee
 - i. Need to schedule a time to revisit
 - ii. Planning to have WUPPDR to review
 - iii. Zoning committee to meet to move forward
 - h. Bark Park Signage
 - i. MDOT permit needed for signage. Plan to group with historic trail signage.
 - ii. Look to have Michigan Tech group find something to help vegetation grow
 - i. Snowmobile Trail Update
 - i. List of potential landowners
 - ii. Put together something for business owners who'd be willing to promote finding landowners.
 - iii. July 1 deadline for grant funding
 - j. Fitness Trail
 - i. Grant secured to put in signage at each station to show people how to use the stations. Copper Island printing will create the signs. Will be installed this summer.
 - ii. Several trees have fallen over or leaning over the trail. Talk to DPW about clearing them.
 - k. Master Plan - Outside Assistance
 - i. Discuss with the Board to move forward
 - ii. Seek out grants from MEDC
8. New Business
- a. Federal Grant
 - i. 4th St drainage improvements to eliminate flooding issues
 - b. Centennial Park Driveway/Parking Issues
 - i. Look into DNR grants (Rec Passport) for laying out a new boat access area
 - ii. Drive is in significant disrepair, may need repair this year
 - c. Portage Health Foundation Grant Opportunity/Playground Equipment
 - i. Grant secured and equipment ordered
 - ii. Also applied for MParks grant to help with additional funding here
 - d. Playground Volunteer / Schedule
 - i. Need 10-15 volunteers per day.
 - ii. June 22-23 build dates
 - e. Disk Golf Course Grant
 - i. Grant secured
 - f. Blight / Zoning Issues/Cemetery Church-Dangerous Building

- i. Send letter to owner to take action on dangerous building at Church next to cemetery
- ii. Sturgeon River Rd-Road Commission encroachment.
- iii. Singing Sands-neighbors have started discussions with owners

Next meeting date – June 3, 2021 7pm

Adjourn 8:21. Brian moves, Doug seconds all aye

