

Chassell Township Planning Commission Meeting Minutes

Dated: November 6, 2016
Chassell Fire Hall

Planning Commission Officers Present

Darlene Gronevelt	Dale Peterson
Lou Ellyn Helman	Dan Palosaari
Julie Meyers	Steve Spahn
	Brian Waters

Guests and Residents of Chassell

Frederick Dart	Joanne Kuntze
Ron Helman	Barbara Wells

Meeting called to order at 7:15 p.m.

- Welcomed Planning Commission Officers, Chassell Township Residents and Guests
- Reading and approval of the recommended changes on the October 6, 2016 minutes noted: motion to approve the minutes Brian Waters, support by Lou Ellyn Helman ayes all.
- Recommending the announcement of meetings be posted in the newspaper, with flyers at the bank, post office and on the Chassell Website. Motion made by Dale Peterson 2nd Lou Ellyn Helman. Comments/Questions – None
- Abandoned/Dangerous Building Committee (lead contact Keith Meyers) – 1st priority Chassell Mercantile building unsafe - issue a notice to the owner with plans for demolition -- Spring of 2017. Motion by Lou Ellyn, support Dale Peterson

Old Business

- Park/Recreation Committee (lead contact Brian Waters) Lou Ellyn to work with Dan Palosaari to research lower replacement costs on playground equipment.
- Recreation Business Plan was done in 2012 by WUPPDR with plans to up-date no later than 2017. WUPPDR to assist and further discussion of an extension noted.

New Business

- Evolis Radar Speed Sign proposed and motion to study location and cost by Dale Peterson, 2nd Dave Spahn.
- Keith Meyers and Darlene Gronevelt attended the six county regional round table on Brownfield Redevelopment. Keith Meyers and committee to work with Jen Tucker, Brownfield Coordinator from the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality for assistance with Chassell's blighted, functionally obsolete, historic resource and adjacent or contiguous to eligible property.
- Chassell ordinance process in order since 2009. Create a system to enforce ordinances. Identify the blight – utilize the Houghton Land Bank by coming up with a list of properties in preparation to take advantage of granting opportunities.

- Revisit the Centennial Park Recreation Plan to become dog friendly providing appropriate dog clean-up stations so dogs may be allowed in the park.
- Information was provided to the committee on “The Coastal Zone Management Program” in the office of the Great Lakes offers grant funds annually to protect and restore healthy coastal ecosystems -- consider applying for this grant to assist with the milfoil problem. Contact Daryl Smith to assist the residents and those that use the beach in Chassell Bay.

Invited guest:

Alex, Fraternity House President represented Sigma Rho in a discussion on possible use of fraternity property for the development of an RV Park. The property Chassell had an interested in are wet lands. Will take further planning by Park/Recreation Committee to plan for 30' x 60' lots with a type of berm between lots.

Next meeting December 8, 2016 – 7:00 p.m.

Brian motioned to adjourn at 8:15 p.m. 2nd Steve Spahn. Ayes, all

Respectfully Submitted by:

Brian Waters
Chassell Township Planning Commission Chair
Secretary

Darlene Gronevelt
Chassell Township Planning Commission