

Chassell Township Planning Commission Meeting

Minutes

Dated: March 2, 2017

Chassell Fire Hall

Planning Commission Officers Present

Darlene Gronevelt
Lou Ellyn Helman
Bryan Lagalo
Julie Meyers

Keith Meyers
Dan Palosaari
Steve Spahn
Brian Waters

Guests and Residents of Chassell

Fredricka Gast
Ron Helman
Chris Kirkish
Dave Mattson

Tim Palosaari
Jim Tervo
Ken Vrana (MTU)
Barb Wells

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m.

- Welcomed Planning Commission Officers, Chassell Township Residents and Guests
- Approval of the Agenda: motion by Lou Ellyn Helman support Brian Waters Ayes all.
- Approval of the February 2, 2017 minutes: motion by Keith Meyers support by Lou Ellyn Helman Ayes all.
- Public Comments – None
- Ken Vrana from the School of Forest Resources and Environmental Sciences at MTU attended Planning Commission meeting with four students to listen and determine how they might contribute for a class project. Ken is the Director of the Ford Center in Alberta; Director of Isle Royale Institute; and Professor of Practice, SFRES. He believes that Natural Resources as well as Recreation and Tourism are two very important programs in Chassell's planning process with concentration on L'Anse, Baraga and Chassell together.

Old Business

- Bryan Lagalo approved by Township Board (3 year term expires on 8/10/19)
- Brian Waters and Dave Mattson to attend the Regulating Medical Marijuana Facilities Workshop for Local Governments in Bessemer and report back.
- Review of Blight Ordinance
 - Civil Infraction Ordinance to include vehicle abandonment already on the books – Attorney Nick Daavettila to review
 - Chassell Township Dangerous Building Ordinance rewritten – Nick Daavettila to review.
 - US 41 Commercial District Blight Ordinance – Commercial District identified from ~~County~~ ^{TOWNSHIP} Line to ~~County~~ ^{TOWNSHIP} Line along US 41 cored ore. Paint and Seal on properties within one year after which action will be taken and a ticketing process in place. Dave Mattson suggesting door-to-door campaign and survey be taken within a two day period. Sub-committee to be formed and survey to be written. Scott MacInnes to provide a survey example.
 - Ken Vrana offered to do the community survey
- chassell.net improvements & the development of a Township Facebook page Bryan Lagalo suggesting MTU student involvement. Lynn Gierke working on social media for the ownship
- Save the township \$60 a month to announce meeting dates and times through the use of social media and place notifications in the water bills.

- Park Security Camera System & the Risk Reduction Grant due by end of April through the Insurance Co. for eight cameras
- Fredreka Gast from the Portage Health Auxiliary presented a Donation/Sponsorship Request grant application period 2/1/17 to 2/28/17. Not enough time to present and complete.

New Business

- Michigan Brownfield Redevelopment Program – Jennifer Tucker DEQ
- Updates/Changes to the 2012-2017 Recreation Plan
 - Dar Gronevelt to check with WUPPDR to assist with changes to Rec Plan and report back.
 - Focus on two themes: Community Recreation and Tourism
 - Add 20 Station “fit trail”
 - Incorporate a kayak launch
- Regulating Medical Marijuana Facilities

Next meeting April 6, 2017 @ 7:00 p.m.

8: 20 p.m. Brian Waters motioned to adjourn, 2nd Steve Spahn

Respectfully Submitted by:

Brian Waters
Chassell Township Planning Commission Chair

Darlene Gronevelt
Chassell Township Planning Commission Secretary