

Chassell Township Planning Commission Meeting

Minutes

Dated: April 6, 2017

Chassell Fire Hall

Planning Commission Officers Present

Darlene Gronevelt	Dan Palosaari
Doug Hamar	Steve Spahn
Bryan Lagalo (excused)	Brian Waters
Julie Meyers	
Keith Meyers	

Guests and Residents of Chassell

Fredricka Gast	Ericka Sheeran
Herbert A. Jarvi	Jennifer Tucker (Brownfield Redevelopment – guest speaker)
Randy McClellan	

Meeting called to order at 7:05 p.m.

- Welcomed Planning Commission Officers, Chassell Township Residents and Guests
- Approval of the Agenda: motion by Doug Hamar support Steve Spahn Ayes all.
- Approval of the March 2, 2017 minutes: motion by Brian Waters support by Steve Spahn Ayes all.
- Public Comments – None

Old Business

- Brian Waters and Dave Mattson attended the Regulating Medical Marijuana Facilities Workshop for Local Governments in Bessemer. Brian Waters reported that State issued licenses will become available on December 15, 2017 for: Commercial Marihuana Growers, Processor, Provisioning Center, Safety Compliance Facilities and Secure Transporter. Important for Chassell Township to set local regulations

To say no, do nothing (statute does not require action) or, adopt a resolution or polickey statement saying “no” (makes your intent clear)

A municipality may adopt an ordinance *authorizing 1 or more facility types *limiting the number of each type *establishing an annual license fee not exceeding \$5,000.

Brian Waters to get flyer out. Important to get the word out to the community and get community input.

- Review of Blight Ordinance – tabled.
- Chassell Township Parks and Recreation Committee met Wed., March 22, 2017 with Ken Vrana, MTU Professor of Practice in Outdoor Recreation and Tourism regarding the preparation of a community recreation survey to update the Chassell Township Recreation Plan (2012-2017) Survey form would be mailed to all property owners of record with Chassell Township the end of May to reach both year-round and seasonal residents. Draft survey form was provided.
- Update on chassell.net improvements & the development of a township facebook page Bryan Lagalo unable to attend due to illness but emailed feedback that he and the MTU marketing club provided to help improve the website. Lynn Gierke assisting and coordinating changes.

- Park Security Camera System & the Risk Reduction Grant due by end of April through the Insurance Co. for eight cameras. Motion to approve grant proposal to UP Engineers – 1st Steve Spahn, 2nd Brian Waters. UP.NET provided quotation for security cameras for Chassell Township park to Dave Mattson for review.

New Business

- Guest Speaker – Jen Tucker, Brownfield Coordinator from the State of Michigan, Department of Environmental Quality Remediation and Redevelopment Division and the Michigan Brownfield Redevelopment Program. Jen qualified a “brownfield” to be considered any contaminated, blighted, functionally obsolete, tax reverted, or historic property. After giving some examples Jen opened to the commission and those that attended to ask questions and discuss what properties may be a brownfield here in Chassell Township.

In summary, Jen recommended that an inventory be made of those properties. Pick the top 5 or more sites for redevelopment, fill out the Brownfield Redevelopment Prioritization Intake Form for each one prioritizing 1st, 2nd etc. and return no later than May 1st, 2017. Keith Meyers to fill-out and submit.

- Regulating Medical Marijuana Facilities
- Sarah Griffin shared with Brian Waters the serious consideration for having a “dog park” in your community and how it has been brought to the attention of certain individuals in Lansing. Many communities are jumping on board and feel it is a real fit for their communities.

Next meeting May 8, 7:00 p.m. @ Chassell Fire Hall

8: 05 p.m. Brian Waters motioned to adjourn, 2nd Doug Hamar

Respectfully Submitted by:

Brian Waters
Chassell Township Planning Commission Chair

Darlene Gronevelt
Chassell Township Planning Commission Secretary

