

# Chassell Township Planning Commission Meeting Minutes

Dated: September 7, 2017  
Chassell Fire Hall

## Planning Commission Officers Present

Darlene Gronevelt  
Keith Meyers  
Julie Meyers

Dale Peterson  
Steve Spahn  
Brian Waters

Lou Ellyn Halmen  
Doug Hamar

## Guests and Residents of Chassell Township

Bill Crouter  
Elaine Crouter

Fredericka Gast  
Lloyd Heldt

Pat Heldt  
Darrell Smith  
Jen Tucker (MEDC)

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

- 1) Pledge of Allegiance
- 2) Welcomed Planning Commission Officers, Chassell Township Residents and guest speaker from the MEDC – Jen Tucker
- 3) Approval of the Agenda: motion by Brian Waters, 2<sup>nd</sup> Dale Peterson. Ayes all.
- 4) Approval of the August 3, 2017 Minutes: motion by Dale Peterson, 2<sup>nd</sup> Brian Waters. Ayes all.
- 5) Public Comments:  
Bill Binroth – announced Portage Health Foundation funding \$16,000 for “Stopping the war on hunger”. Target population 0 to 12 years of age and college age. Asking to utilize the pavilion in Centennial Park. Providing nutritional snacks 3 times a week. Bill asking for letters of support tie in with exercise. Motion by Keith Meyers, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lou Ellyn. Dale Peterson abstain. Ayes all.
- 6) Abandoned/Dangerous Building Committee – Met prior to Planning Commission. Committee to serve 1<sup>st</sup> Ticket. Recommendation made to approach the board with the decision of the committee. Brian Waters to present to the Chassell Township Board.
- 7) Park/Recreation Committee – Ken Vrana at MTU from the Alberta Campus will be reviewing and implementing/writing the Recreation Plan Revision for Chassell's Centennial Park due by the end of this year 2017.
- 8) Chassell Township Board approved a 3 year extension to three officers on the Planning Commission ending 2020 to Keith Meyers, Doug Hamar and Dar Gronevelt.
- 9) Announcement and reminder made that there is an open spot on the Chassell Township Planning Commission to fill Bryan Lagalo's seat. Anyone who lives in Chassell Township are welcome to apply.

**Guest Speaker:** Jen Tucker from the Michigan Economic Development Corporation who is the Community Assistance Team Specialist – Community Development.

All MEDC community development projects will be evaluated on the following criteria to identify high priority projects: Local and Regional Impact Considerations: Place considerations; economic and financial considerations: and other project considerations.

Jen encouraged as many officials as possible in Chassell Township to attend the Redevelopment Ready Community Certification in Marquette on October 17 & 18. Keith Meyers to take the lead to encourage others to register.

## Old Business

- a) **Chassell Mercantile Update** – Owner of the building changed mind after the cut-off date for assistance to the township. Now becomes owner responsibility.
- b) **Cemetery Church Hearing** – Hearing unanimous to demolish the Church.
- c) **Gas Station next to the Community Center** – usage
- d) **Remote Electronic LED Reader Board at SNB** – approved
- e) **Medical Marijuana Facilities Survey results** strongly voted NO! To be brought before the Chassell Township Board. Motion made by Keith Meyers, 2<sup>nd</sup> Dale Peterson 184 internet surveys completed, 40 handwritten surveys turned in totaling 224 surveys received.
- f) **Chassell Township Logo** – agree! Suggest we work with a Chassell Township business on the graphics. All ideas are welcome! Exemplifying the history of Strawberry Festival and Lumbering.

**New Business**

- a) Recreation Plan Update Survey results
- b) PC memberships application
- c) Risk Reduction Grant
- d) Portage Health Foundation Grant
- e) Sign Application Approval
- f) Redevelopment Ready Community Training

Brian Waters made a motion to close the meeting, support Doug Hamar

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m. Next meeting October 5 at 7:00 p.m.



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Brian Waters  
Chassell Township Planning Commission Chair

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Darlene Gronevelt  
Chassell Township Planning Commission Secretary