

Chassell Township Planning Commission Meeting Minutes

Dated: November 2, 2017
Chassell Fire Hall

Planning Commission Officers Present

Darlene Gronevelt

Keith Meyers

Dale Peterson Brian Waters

Ericka Malone

Dan Palosaari Steve Spahn

Guests and Residents of Chassell Township

Kristina Sundstrom

David Matson Ken Vrana

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

- 1) Pledge of Allegiance
- 2) Welcomed Planning Commission Officers, Chassell Township Residents
- 3) Approval of the Agenda: motion by Brian Waters, 2nd Dale Peterson. Ayes all.
- 4) Approval of the November 2, 2017 Minutes: motion by Dale Peterson, 2nd Brian Waters. Ayes all.
- 5) **Public Comments:** None
- 6) **Abandoned/Dangerous Building Committee:** Old Church at the entrance of the Chassell Cemetery hazardous and dangerous. Owners attended planning commission meeting. Brian Waters met with owners to learn that they are willing to pass ownership. Keith Meyers meeting with Jeff Ratcliffe, Keweenaw Economic Development Director to discuss resources and resolutions.
- 7) **Park/Recreation Committee – Survey report draft to be discussed at this meeting.**
- 8) **Old Business**
 - a. PC membership application
 - b. Chassell Mercantile Update
 - c. Gas station next to the Community Center – plans for clean-up.
 - d. Remote Electronic LED Reader Board at SNB –to be installed
 - e. Chassell Township Logo – waiting to review – low hanging fruit for Redevelopment Ready Communities
 - f. Risk Reduction Grant/Boat Launch
- 9) **New Business**
 - a. MTU Recreation Plan Update Survey Report

Presenter:

Ken Vrana, Professor of Practice, Outdoor Recreation and Tourism Systems, SFRES – Michigan Technological University (kjvrana@mtu.edu) provided draft results of the Chassell Township Recreation Plan Survey. The Survey summary included:

- Chassell Township Resident Age Distribution showing Gender of Respondents & Head of Household
- Enhancement of Centennial Park: Boat Launch Use; Type of Launch Pass; Dog Park Interest; Public Marina; Rustic Campground; RV Campground; Water Trail (*encompassing Chassell Bay, Portage Lake and the Sturgeon River for kayaking and canoeing*); Fitness Trail (*a rustic walking or running trail with exercise stations positioned at intervals along the trail in Chassell Township*); Milfoil Control; and Misslitz Field Maintenance.
- Recreation Program Development: Youth and Teen Programs; Adult and Senior Programs; Tourism Marketing/Development; Chassell Heritage Center; and Volunteer.

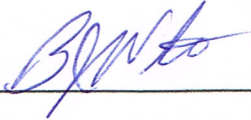
Copies of the Draft Results are available along with the preliminary conclusions and recommendations.

New Business Continued

- b) Fitness Trail Equipment – Chassell School Project to be actively involved which will help cut cost and a class project opportunity
- c) Portage/Chassell Township Trail Authority – Become a trail authority for MDOT Grants
- d) Redevelopment Ready Community Training – Keith Meyer, Lynn Gierke and Dar Gronevelt attended the two day workshop. Keith gave examples of opportunities with focus on going forward as a community. Newly appointed Planning Commission Member, Erika Malone will be an excellent resource to us due to her education and background with OHM in Redevelopment Ready Community Planning.
- e) Planning Commission Annual Report to be written for year-end reporting.

Next meeting date – December 7, 2017

Brian Waters made a motion to close the meeting at 8:10 p.m. support Steve Spahn



Brian Waters
Chassell Township Planning Commission Chair

Darlene Gronevelt
Chassell Township Planning Commission Secretary