

MINUTES

Chassell Township Planning Commission Meeting

Dated: October 4, 2018

Chassell Fire Hall

1. Call to Order. Brian Waters called the meeting to order at 6:57pm.
2. Present: Keith Meyers, Dale Peterson, Steve Spahn, Brian Waters, Dan Palosaari, Julie Meyers, Doug Hamar, Dillon Geshel
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Approval of the Agenda. Brian Waters moved add the Historic Interpretive Trail to the agenda, Keith second
5. Reading and Approval of the Minutes. Keith seconds all aye
6. Public Comments
 - a. Michael-Interested in pursuing a business opportunity in the Chassell area. He previously owned Java in Twin Lakes and is looking to expand in Chassell. He's currently looking at the old Treats building that is for sale or the old Insurance building. He will be doing some more research and will come back to the Township with more questions. The business he's looking to open is a coffee roasting business, he would also have a beer and wine license and would plan to sell both retail and wholesale.
 - b. Dar-Brought information on the Regional Prosperity Initiative Meeting with WUPHD. They are providing grants to small development towns (<\$1,000) through the Energy Group to encourage development (not just energy developments, anything). (See attachment)
 - c. Dar-Flood disaster assistance-Any businesses that took a substantial loss can reach out to SBA for a loan assistance program. It is open until June 7, 2019 to file for any economic injury caused by the 2018 flood. See handout.
7. Old Business

- a. Chassell Township Logo-Marianna is not present. Last meeting it was discussed that Marianna would be having a class project to develop a new logo for Chassell.
- b. Chassell Mercantile Update-The Township is attempting to seek judgement under small claims against the owner to try to recover money the township incurred to take down the building after collapse & the owner's unpaid fines (\$7,000). The Township has received a response and the Township Clerk will respond with additional information.
- c. Portage/Chassell Township Trail Authority-Bruce Peterson-Three people attended the last trail authority meeting. The meeting will be pushed to next month when more are present. Dan Dahlquist, committee member from Portage Township, is putting together the speaking points for approaching landowners.
- d. Blight Ordinance Survey-This item tabled until next month.
- e. Planning Commission Membership- Dillon Geshel was unanimously voted on during September's ^{BOARD} meeting. Dar is stepping down and will submit an official letter. The vacancy will be advertised at the next township meeting.
- f. Historic Interpretive Trail-The students who were previously working on this have returned from their trip to Finland. They are currently researching specific locations that would be good for interpretation location. There is a potential for a European Union Grant for a community in Finland with ties to the mill to have a sister site. Brian Waters noted the need for an easement for construction of this trail on part of Doug Hamar's property. Obtaining the easement should be the next step, as it will be required before constructing the trail.

8. New Business

- a. Chassell Township Road Rating- Dale Peterson explained the goals of and previous work completed by the Road Committee to the community members. The Committee drove and analyzed all roads listed on the Houghton County Road Commission list. A 5 year plan A and B will be submitted to the County. The A list will include major projects. The B list will include maintenance issues. The next Houghton County meeting will be on October 22nd at 1:30pm. The list will be presented to the Township Board next week. List A-Boundary, Massie, Creamery, Upper Massie,

North Entry unpaved portion. List B-Creamery, Portage Entry Rd, Massie, Lower Pike, Downtown Patches. Dale Peterson noted there is currently a 5 million dollar gap in funding for the County.

- b. Keith moved to approved the list to present to the township. Dale 2nd. All aye.
 - i. Ericka to make report more presentable to submit to the Township.
- c. Recreation Millage Notice-Keith and Dillon drafted a letter to be posted to the paper twice before the election.
- d. Zoning Ordinance Review- all of these comments will be added to a track changes document that will be shared on the website.
 - i. Resident comments: none
 - ii. Page 28, 10.2-initiate proposals for amendments...we have no form as mentioned. Brian printed some draft forms and will be initiating the creation of a new form.
 - iii. Community question-Can things affect only certain districts? -yes.
 - iv. Get an updated map-Some of the printed maps have incorrect colors.
 - v. Half-moon beach is urban-residential.
 - vi. 1.1-preserve not conserve
 - vii. 1.2 9 d preserve not conserve
 - viii. Doug Hamar noted to keep "character" under purpose. This is an important note.
 - ix. Community request to post a redline of all the changes proposed before approved-Yes we can do.
 - x. 1.4.1 - third line "by any others provision of this ordinance" insert comma then "or" any other law
 - xi. Doug questioned page 3.2.3 "temporary dwellings" as there are several trailers parking downtown. How do we handle this. To be addressed later.
 - xii. 2.2.9 storage of motor-homes side or rear yard- same note as above. Noting that these requirements are in the general sections (we may want to only put this for certain zoning areas instead of everywhere)

- xiii. 2.2.4 mobile homes-address tiny homes. Look to neighboring communities for requirements with tiny homes.
- xiv. 2.3.11 noise
- xv. 2.3.9 size restriction. Dwelling not occupy more than 30% of lot area
- xvi. 3.a what is our current position on the slaughterhouse, do we want to take that out? Table for later discussion.
- xvii. 3.3.3 midpoint... "commercial waste" refuse not refuge
- xviii. 3.3.3c public or private community facilities. Remove the second "publicly owned"
- xix. 3.3.3a make some reference to home offices? Defining what a "home business" is and differentiating by number of visitors etc.
- xx. Comments complete for today. Pick up at 3.3.34

9. Next Meeting Date-November 8, 2018 7pm

10. Adjourn at 8:30 pm