

MINUTES

Chassell Township Planning Commission Meeting

Dated: November 8, 2018

Chassell Fire Hall

1. Call to Order 7:05 Attendance: Julie Meyers, Keith Meyers, Dale Peterson, Brian Waters, Doug Hamar, Ericka Malone
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Approval of the Agenda. Brian moved, Keith 2nd
4. Reading and Approval of the Minutes. Corrections:
 - Note that Dillon was voted on at the *Township Board* meeting
 - Note to note last names in meeting minutes when appearing for the first time.
5. Public Comments: None
6. Old Business
 - a. Chassell Township Logo
 - i. Nothing finalized yet. Need to touch base with Chassell schools on any progress with making this an art project. Dale commented to make it simple.
 - b. Chassell Mercantile Update
 - i. The owner is supposed to submit information to the court. The township has received no notice that this has been done.
 - c. Portage/Chassell Township Trail Authority - Bruce Peterson
 - i. Nobody was in town to attend the last meeting
 - d. Blight Ordinance Survey
 - i. Tabled until zoning ordinance is complete
 - ii. Many community members present- Keith reviewed what the plan is.
 - iii. Many public comments on the issue. In summary: the commission's main focus is to address the dangerous and abandoned building in the community first.
 - e. Chassell Township Road Rating Report
 - i. Lynn is not aware that the Township has submitted anything to the County. The County's deadline is fast approaching. Brian will remind the board to send in the 5 year plan at the next meeting.

- f. Dale Peterson Road Commission Update: The County moved the last meeting back to the original date and therefore it was missed. Dale talked with Kevin Harju directly and has the following update to share: 2 million dollars will be coming from the State to help with the 5 million deficit. Other options are still being looked into for the remaining 3 million dollar deficit. Dale inquired about the road tax-2% of the road tax is available for recreation, but the State directs where that 2% goes.

Massie-temporary fixes have happened, but there are significant security hazards with the large ditch. The County talked of eliminating the ditch and putting in storm sewer in the future, but there is concern about the condition of the road as the winter weather is approaching.

Dale requested where Chassell Township money has gone in the past for road projects.

2008-Lower pike and Lower Worham

2010 Upper Worham Fisheries

2012 N Entry-Center Section \$167k

2014 N Entry W End \$241k

2015 Klingville, S Hamar \$241k

2017 S Entry \$135k

The Township money is used for paving the road, the provides funds for all prep work. The Township money also goes towards road oil, approximately \$20k yearly.

The next Houghton County Road Commission meeting is moved next Monday due to deer hunting

The 5 year Plan created by the Road Committee is posted on the website for the public to view.

G. Historical Trail Update.

Keith went out with MTU Industrial Archaeology group to the site. The group was going through maps to determine what historical buildings were previously located. They walked the site and flagged the key sites they'd like to interpret. Next step-Industrial Archaeology group will be working with a class at Chassell High School to start writing up narratives to place at each of the locations. Next spring the group will start brushing for sites marked. Doug to get with the township to start the easement process.

7. New Business

- a. Pure Michigan article. See handout.

- b. Planning Commission Membership -Peter Torola would like to join the Planning Commission. He has submitted a letter and gave an introduction at the meeting. Brian moved to recommend Peter to the Township Board for membership on the Planning Commission for the term expiring August 202. Dale Second. All Aye.
- c. Centennial Park Horseshoe Pits - Posted to the Township Facebook page to see if there was any community preference on if the horseshoe pits were removed. No strong feelings. There has been further deterioration of the pits. Lynn thinks at a township board meeting someone volunteered to repair them. Lynn will check at the next board meeting.
- d. Risk Reduction Grant -Security cameras at park and docks. 2x a year.
- e. Recreation Millage Passed!
 - i. First plan- Dog Park. The Township should have better potential for funding from Portage Health this year now that we will have match.
 - ii. BAS at accident site. The Township was unable to secure match from the trucking company as originally expected. However, the township will receive sheet piling and riprap used in remediation to reuse for development in boat launch. Now that the recreation millage has passed, these funds can also be used for match for the grant.
 - iii. Mention of long term water trail plan along the Sturgeon River.
 - iv. Public comment-asking about enforcing dock fees so the township can get money back.
- f. Dar Gronevelt -Rural Dev and USDA. Assigned people to represent UP. Loan for very low income families to repair home. See handout from Dar. The new rep plans to come and discuss with Chassell. Dar provided Brian with his contact info to invite him to next month's meeting. Dar-WUPHD Energy waste reduction rebates. 10k per facility. See handout.
- g. Petition for Zoning Ordinance Amendment
 - i. Revise verbiage in form to clarify the 12 copies required. Brian moved to approve the changes. Doug 2nd. All aye
- h. Zoning Ordinance Review
 - i. Redlines will be posted to the website after each meeting.
 - ii. Doug Hamar requested that a committee be started to review the zoning ordinance as opposed to trying to address during the Planning Commission Meeting.
 - 1. A meeting has been scheduled for noon on Monday Nov 12th.

8. Next meeting date - December 6, 2018 7pm

9. Adjourn Brian Move. Doug Second. Adjourn 8:42



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