

MINUTES

Chassell Township Planning Commission Meeting

Dated: March 7, 2019

Chassell Fire Hall

1. Attendance: Ericka Malone, Keith Meyers, Steve Spahn, Brian Waters, Dillon Geshel, Peter Torola
2. Call to Order
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Approval of the Agenda Brian moves to approved the agenda with the addition of the Dog Park under old business. Keith Seconds. All aye
5. Reading and Approval of the Minutes Brian approves. Keith Seconds.
6. Public Comments none. None present.
7. Road Commission Report
 - a. January-Local Rural Task Force. Houghton County Only
 - b. Massie Rd-Curb and gutter, storm sewer option 1. Option 2-leave as is, possibly repave and replace culvert. US 41 intersection needs to be addressed because it keeps flooding during any rain event. County is still struggling with FEMA funding.
 - c. Paradise-Late 2019 for project completion. Still trying to acquire another parcel to help with the alignment.
 - d. Obenoff Rd-2021-2023 project plan-reconstruct
 - e. WUPPDR-offering Ho Co to complete road ratings for \$4k. Chassell is #1 on the list
8. Old Business
 - a. Chassell Township Logo
 - i. no update
 - b. Chassell Mercantile Update
 - i. Lynn Gierke and Keith Meyers planned to go to the courthouse Monday. The meeting was canceled as the magistrate is trying to determine how this will be handled. The process is unsure at this point. Civil vs Criminal infraction. On hold for issuing any more

tickets until the status is resolved and it is determined how to move forward.

- c. Blight Ordinance Survey
 - i. *No update*
- d. Historical Trail Update
 - i. TV6 Discovering filmed an episode. Will aire in late March. Great opportunity to tell the history of the mill site and talk about the plans for the historic interpretive trail. Several community members and people working on the project were interviewed. Drone footage of the site.
 - ii. KEDA was on site. Discussion with them on what the plan was for the site and the attempt to promote the development projects happening in the community.
 - iii. Cain Besse from the Bessy Family Foundation. Was invited but unable to attend. Still interested in funding the signs for the interpretive trail.
- e. Zoning Ordinance Review
 - i. Progress being made. Plan to have complete by summer.
- f. Community Center Update
 - i. Don Kendall is working on his budget for a renovation project for the building.
- g. Recreational Marijuana Law - Opt Out?
 - i. Plan to bring to board again to revisit. There wasn't much time at last month's meeting to address.
 - ii. Marquette and Houghton and Hancock opting out. Check the mining gazette for the story on Marquette opting out.
 - iii. Brian to see if Eric Waara from Houghton to come and talk about how they made their decisions.
- h. Ray's TV Dangerous Building?
 - i. Snow load and broken windows?
- i. RRC(Redevlopment Ready Community) Self-Evaluation
 - i. Keith to discuss with Lynn one more time. Present to board before moving forward.
 - ii. This is the last key piece for Chassell to be eligible to seek MEDC funding.
- j. Michael Mallow/Treats
 - i. Keith talked with Micahel Mallow who is interested in opening the coffee roasting shop in the old treats building.
 - ii. He is making his formal offer to the bank this week.

- k. Dog Park
 - i. Need to move forward with more detailed planning and budgeting.
 - ii. Plan to create a subcommittee to plan the dog park
- 9. New Business
 - a. 2018/2023 Recreation Plan Update
 - i. DNR has provided a list of additional information that needs to be provided to get the plan in final form.
 - ii. Rating for accessibility for our recreational facilities Lynn has reached out to Chris with UPEA.
 - b. PHFoundation Grant/Fitness Trail
 - i. Green light to pursue the fitness trail. No approval for the Dog Park.
 - ii. Proposal is due a week from Monday
 - iii. Keith to meet with school since a budget and work plan are the next steps to be completed.
 - c. WUPPDR Community Marketing Grant
 - i. Submitted last Friday. Included new strawberry festival banner (Lion's club providing the match), Street light banners to promote community assets to fill the other half of the light poles that don't have banners (\$1,400), signage for refreshing the centennial park sign, dog park sign. Social media posts to encourage Chassell as a place to live, work, play as a low priority side item.
 - d. Launch Site Engineering Study RFP Evaluation
 - i. Team of 5 to review the RFP's. Plan to review early next week and recommend to the board at next Wednesday's meeting.
 - ii. Received 3 proposals (UPEA, Traverse Engineering, and St Ignace firm)
 - e. TV 6 Discovering Update
 - i. Submit any potential stories. Discovering is outdoors themed
 - f. Master Plan Committee
 - i. Plan to seek professional help
- 10. Next meeting date - April 4, 2019 7pm
- 11. Adjourn 8:10pm Brian moves, Steve seconds all aye

Brian to 4-4-19