

# MINUTES

## Chassell Township

### Planning Commission Meeting

Dated: August 8, 2019

Chassell Fire Hall

1. Call to Order 7:01. Attendance: Ericka Malone, Keith Meyers, Dale Peterson, Steve Spahn, Brian Waters, Peter Torola
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Approval of the Agenda Brian moves to approve, Dale seconds, all aye
4. Reading and Approval of the Minutes. Dales moves to accept as written, Keith seconds. All aye
5. Public Comments
  - a. Residents present to discuss Mil-foil. Chair and Co-Chair of Pike Bay Restoration Committee. Started with a history of the committee: Citizens committee formed. 1 year following, the committee engaged a consultant and contractor to help maintain the Bay. Only feasible treatment has been herbicide application. They formed 5 year program funded by a SAD (special assessment district) all properties that touch the water in Pike Bay. After the first 5 years, it was re-established another 5 years starting this year. Some proposed to skip a year in treatment. A pre-treatment survey was completed a few weeks ago, and recommended treatment based on results. Committee resulted in skipping treatment this year. Wanted to keep us in the loop since it impacts many of our recreational activities. There is a potential we will see increased growth next year. The committee is asking for support of importance to keep the Bay healthy and control the weeds. Yearly cost is \$17,000.
6. Road Commission Report
  - a. Boundary and Massie are highest priority on Chassell 5 year plan. County is still waiting on FEMA funding. Massie has had some maintenance-potholes filled and now passable. Next board meeting is next Monday.
  - b. Lakeshore Dr.-Dave Matson met with the County last week. The County has a design proposal and is getting bids on proposal to do a more extensive project, not just minor repairs. Dale to follow up next Monday.
  - c. Pilgrim River Bridge-Equipment is on site and dirt is moving.
  - d. Gas tax, a portion goes to snow removal. Houghton County gets the highest amount of all the Counties.
7. Zoning Ordinance Review Report
  - a. Finalizing, sending to Scott McInness for review and hold a public comment meeting in September to review.

8. Master Plan Committee Report

- a. Steve Palosaari and Dean LaTendresse have been contacted to discuss revitalization of agriculture.

9. Old Business

- a. Chassell Township Logo
  - i. School competition to create a logo. Could have something by November.
- b. Chassell Mercantile Update
  - i. Default has been submitted to the court, but no ruling from the judge.
- c. Historical Trail Update
  - i. No update yet.
- d. Community Center Update
  - i. Don coordinating with potential partners for restaurant development.
- e. Sturgeon River Boat Launch Study
  - i. Met with Traverse to review site drawings. US-41 ROW inhibits locating where initially anticipated. Traverse to make adjustments to place and then bring to Planning Commission/Township Board for review.
- f. Light Pole Banners
  - i. Installed!
- g. Risk Reduction Grant
  - i. MTU professor will be GPSing the trails to put into GoogleMaps.
- h. Fitness Trail Equipment / Bridge Repair
  - i. First Delivery of equipment is next Thursday. One additional week for remaining equipment.
  - ii. MTU Wellness coordinator offered to help with any coordination efforts needed.

10. New Business

- a. Centennial Park Accessibility Report
  - i. Plan to work with new Township employee to address items.
- b. Baraga Telephone Meeting
  - i. 20 million grant from state for "last mile" projects. Grant due August 30th.
  - ii. Baraga Telephone also looking at doing some on their dime if there's a large enough demand in certain areas in the community.
- c. Dog Park Update
  - i. 3 dozen tennis balls donated by the Athletic Department at MTU.
  - ii. Most popular post on the Township facebook page.
  - iii. Request to do a story in the Gazette
  - iv. Request on benches for people. Potential to have the Chassell shop class do it.
  - v. When volunteers needed, post on the facebook page for clean up help.
- d. Blight / Addition to Zoning Ordinance
  - i. Discussed during zoning ordinance
- e. Membership Term Renewal
  - i. No new applications.

- ii. Brian and Ericka pending approval of the board next week.
- f. Park Boat Launch Walkway / Clean-Up
  - i. Sinking dock is a hazard to boats.
  - ii. Eric with Honkala Welding and Fabricating. Willing to remove sinking dock. Charges \$60/hr and anticipates 2 hrs. Keith moves that the Planning Commission recommend to the Board that the Township remove and salvage the dock, for \$150. Brian seconds. All Aye.

Next meeting date -- September 5, 2019 7pm

Adjourn Brian moves to adjourn 8:33pm. All aye.