

MINUTES

Chassell Township

Planning Commission Meeting

January 2, 2020
Chassell Fire Hall

Attendance: Ericka Malone, Keith Meyers, Steve Spahn, Brian Waters, Dillon Geschel, Peter Torola, Doug Hamar, Lynn Gierke

1. Call to Order 7:01
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Approval of the Agenda Brian moves to approve with the addition of the Community Marketing Grant to new business. Peter seconds. All aye.
4. Reading and Approval of the Minutes Doug moves to approve with the amendment of "Jack Ratcliffe" to "Jeff Ratcliffe" Brian seconds. All Aye.
5. Public Comments
 - a. none
6. Road Commission Report
 - a. Massie-Potential start this summer. Gap between what FEMA is covering, County is asking if Chassell will contribute money to close the gap and get the entire road paved.
 - b. Lake Linden is looking at signing the roads that are repaired with village millage, potential idea for Chassell to do.
 - c. Project location map for Chassell for damage restoration plans. Plan to post this to Chassell website and facebook page.
 - d. Spreadsheet with County primary road projects under federal funding.
 - e. Road Commission meeting January 13th for public hearing on transportation improvement plan.
7. Old Business
 - a. Chassell Township Logo
 - i. Drawings will be available on February 6th.
 - ii. We will put together an award for the student's winning design.
 - b. Chassell Mercantile Update
 - i. No further update.
 - c. Historical Trail Update
 - i. Keith will be getting with Doug to work on the EGLE JPA application.
 - d. Community Center Update
 - i. Keith had a discussion with Don. Plan to reach out to OHM within the next two weeks for a meeting on the architectural plans to submit to MEDC.

Plan to work on cleaning out the building-looking for volunteers. Plan to open main floor to the arts aspect while renovation is taking place.

- e. Sturgeon River Engineering Report
 - i. Traverse Engineering will have a report ready for next week and plan to have a meeting to discuss.
- f. Centennial Park Accessibility Report
 - i. Brian to meet with Cole and create a priority list of projects to start in the Spring.
- g. Cemetery Church - Dangerous Building
 - i. Keith has talked to Heath Sundstrom. The Church is still held by the LLC of his father. Heath is working with attorney on how to approach. The building has taken a significant turn for the worse in the last year. Ticketing will begin once the weather clears if there is no plan in place. Heath did commit to pass ownership to someone who is interested in taking on the property.
 - ii. Asbestos inspection needs to happen.
 - iii. Potential to post on the webpage and facebook page that the owner is willing to transfer ownership of the building.
- h. Fitness Trail Signage
 - i. Next step: Directional arrows and distances on the fitness trail.
 - ii. Ski trails will have new maps at the trail heads and 2k and 5k cutoff.
- i. Future Portage Health Foundation Grant
 - i. Putting a proposal together for a grant to reconstruct the warming hut at the trail head.

8. New Business

- a. DNR Rail-Trail / Trail Authority
 - i. Chassell to Houghton trail is low priority because it is "non-motorized" even though snowmobiles can utilize them.
 - ii. Looking for different areas to find funding to fix the storm damage.
- b. MTU Senior Project (Dave Nelson)
 - i. Brian and Keith met to discuss a future senior project with Dave Nelson. He's working on projects for Fall 2020. Chassell will put together a list of projects that could work for Fall (drainage projects, marina etc)
 - ii. Plan to bring students to Chassell in late summer to discuss all projects so they can pick one of our potential projects.
- c. DNR Grant Workshop/Baraga Lakeside
 - i. Wednesday Jan 15th 9am-noon
 - ii. Keith and Ericka attending
- d. Master Plan Committee
 - i. Request board to act on zoning at next week's meeting so a hearing can be held in February.
- e. Community Marketing Mini Grant through WUPPDR. Funded new dog park sign, light post banners, social media remote workforce Keweenaw to draw people to

the community.

- i. 5 points: winter, affordable housing, no congestion, lower crime, natural beauty.
- ii. Webpage remoteworkfocekeweenaw.com, pinterest boards, facebook page, facebook group, youtube channel. Keith will send the report to the Commission
- iii. Have gotten some responses, not necessarily for remote workforce but people looking for jobs in the area.
- iv. Steve Jurmu-Upper Peninsula of Michigan, Monday at 5pm a live report from the Keweenaw. Top 10 snowiest places in the Keweenaw. Promoted on Keith's webpage, 10k views. Can sponsor a video for \$100.

Next meeting date - February 6, 2020 7pm

Adjourn 8:15. Brian moves. All Aye.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Brian", is written in dark ink.