

**MINUTES**  
**Chassell Township**  
**Planning Commission Meeting**  
**Dated: July 2, 2020**  
**Chassell Fire Hall**

Attendance: Ericka Malone, Keith Meyers, Steve Spahn, Brian Waters, Doug Hamar, Trevor Clark

1. Call to order 7:03
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Approval of the agenda
4. Approval of the minutes
5. Public Comments-none
6. Road report
  - a. Boundary Rd, Chassell contributing 25% on Massie, Creamery rd patching, reconstruct 7th st to Creamery

Old Business

7. Logo looks good!
8. Chassell Mercantile-New attorney out of Marquette is in contact with owners. Amy talked to the owners about getting competitive bids. First, need to get an official assessment of the site. Jeff K with KEDA suggested to have Andy Lahti do the assessment as he does a lot of that work locally. Andy Lahti provided a letter giving two options and a recommendation to move forward. Plan to have the attorney provide this letter to the owners and see how they would like to move forward. Jeff K has provided a list of contractors that would be able to assist. The board approved that we waive all the fees if this is taken care of by August. Doug makes a motion to extend this deadline. Brain seconds. All aye.
9. Historical Trail-Doug has started the permit application
10. Centennial Park accessibility-no progress since last meeting, will mostly be signage.
11. Community Center-Kitchen equipment for the Magnuson is still available. Keith will reach out to Don. There are several broken windows on the front of the Community Center.
12. Cemetery Church-Property next to the church was previously listed for sale. Real estate agent states the home is in significant disrepair and the owner is most likely motivated to

still sell. Previously Dan Palosaari was originally interested in the site, but determined it to be too small for the development he planned. This may potentially give DP the availability to take both lots and develop. Dan Palosaari is looking at the site. Recommendation to notice other local developers of this potential availability.

13. Fitness Trail Signage-Fitness trail has been weed wacked. Earthwork still needs to happen.
14. Sturgeon River Launch. Received \$20k grant from the Portage Health Foundation. Firm in Manistique to potentially build the launch. Company would be looking for Engineered drawings to eliminate potential for liability. Laser North is very interested in doing the project. Meeting Tuesday next week to discuss the project. Doug recommended reaching out to Kopponen to potentially partner with Laser North as they are helping with the boardwalk work.
15. Resident Blight issues from last meeting-1st was a grass concern-the grass has been cut. 2nd was a complaint of a neighbor dumping cat litter in their yard. A letter has been drafted to send to the homeowner, plan to investigate the site before sending a letter.

#### New Business

16. Member Term Limits-Keith, Doug & Trevor agreed to continue and renew their term for the next 3 years.
17. Zoning Ordinance Committee-Have a meeting to discuss with Township Board. Plan to bring final draft to the board in August for approval.
18. Boat Launch Parking-Township is looking to fill in the grass area to allow space for two boats to launch at the same time.
19. Boardwalk and Marina Study-add project to a dream list to search for a grant to replace that boardwalk and put in a small marina. Old boardwalk is still a hazard and has not been removed. Propose to place signage to let people know of the alternate route.
20. Remote workforce update-Several people have discovered the area from what Keith has been doing. Someone is relocating from the Sault, Austin Texas etc. Keith has several outlets (pinterest, youtube etc). Keweenaw Visitor's bureau is interested in partnering on this to make it more widespread. Also interested to make it UP wide. Also looking at targeting seasonal people as well, not people who would permanently move.

Next meeting Aug 6th

Adjourn: 8:09 Brian moved, Doug second all aye