

# MINUTES

## Chassell Township Planning Commission Meeting

Dated: November 3, 2022

Chassell Fire Hall

Attendance: Keith Meyers, Dan Palosaari, Dale Peterson, Steve Spahn, TJ Palosaari

1. Call to Order 7:04
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Approval of the Agenda with additions to New Business D. Rental Property Registration/Rental Certification, E. Centennial Park Sign, F. Master Plan. Dale moves, Steve seconds, all aye
4. Reading and Approval of September and October Minutes. Dale moves to approve with corrections, Steve seconds, all aye
5. Public Comments-Nathan Hanks is requesting that the planning commission look into rental inspections for the safety of Chassell township tenants. He also wanted to thank the Chassell Improvement Association for the addition of the 5 new trees at the park. Keith Meyers reported that DP Construction did a great job on the work at the Chassell Historical Organization Project. Also, he reported that over 100 people attended the Remote Workforce event at MTU. It was a great way for people to learn about what is available in the area.
6. Road Commission Report-Dale
  - a. East and West of Massie Rd. on US 41 will be done in 2023.
  - b. 2.3 million was allocated for Massie Rd. To date 1.9 Mil has been spent.
  - c. Dale complimented the HCRC for the replacement of 50-100' of the west end of Boundary Rd.
  - d. ARPA funds-the HCRC sent to the board the estimates. Recommendations for the board to repair will be 1-Pave N. Entry; 2-Pave ½ mile of Lower Pike; 3-Repair sections of Klingville Rd. or intown roads recommended in the 5-year Plan.
  - e. HCRC has applied for additional grant money with USDA and Gas Tax that might be available in the future.
  - f. 2023 HCRC meeting schedule is the 3rd Monday of the month except 4/24 and 11/6.
  - g. Dale plans to speak with MDOT about the bridge at Sturgeon River that no passing be allowed on the bridge.
  - h. Recommendation to the Board to keep the 5 Year Road Plan as is except remove Boundary Rd. and add local township streets to be fixed as township board see's fit, motion by Steve supported by TJ. M/C.

## 7. Old Business

- a. Chassell Mercantile Update
  - i. Dan Palosaari, DP Construction reported that the lot to the south of the building was purchased. They have had Traverse Engineering there to survey the property. They are looking at spring construction.
- b. Historical Trail Update
  - i. The Corp of Engineers and EGLE permits received. Path brushing has started. Materials will arrive in mid-November with project completion by 12/31.
- c. Snowmobile Trail Update-TJ reported no news. The trail between Baraga and Chassell is still not open because of the wetland study required by the US Army Corps of Engineers. The trail group plans to investigate using utility easements for potential trails.
- d. Sturgeon River Launch-Accudoc and UPEA are working on a final plan. Would like to add wheels onto launch for easier installation.
- e. Centennial Park Engineering Study-No report
- f. Sturgeon River Water Trail Mapping-Grant opportunity for 3 signs (wildlife along area, historic logging path on river, map from Prickett Dam to Chassell Bay)
- g. Bark Park Improvements-design to make the bark park area more accessible. One quote received from Marquette Fence. Get additional quote from JCS. Lynn Gierke will submit the request.
- h. RFP Specifications for Chassell Park Launch Site Vendor.
- i. Launch Site Amenities as part of DNR Grant Proposal-submit proposal for the Sturgeon River Launch for bathrooms, picnic tables, trash cans, etc.
- j. 5-Year Road Plan Discussion

## 8. New Business

- a. Holy Trinity Church and adjoining property FRP-RFP published 11/1. The Land Bank plans to have an abatement study done on house wand will be an addendum to RFP.
- b. DNR Spark Grant-62-million-dollar grant using ARPA funds. No match, no Rec plan required, 100,000 Minimum, 1 Mil Max, 3 proposal submissions due by Dec. 19. Submit 2 proposals. Proposal 1-Waterfront-boardwalk, boat dock repairs, ADA path from pavilion to dock, winterize toilets, etc. Proposal 2-continued recommendations from Park Engineering plan.
- c. Bridges Out of Poverty-possible blight donation opportunity-Portage Health Foundation is a 501(c)(3) and is willing to set up a fund for people to donate to.
- d. Rental Property Registration/Rental Certification-the PC will keep on

agenda.

- e. Centennial Park Sign-Steve moves to recommend the purchase of a new sign for the park TJ seconds. All aye.
- f. Master Plan-Dale reported that a report needs to be made to the board at the next meeting.

Next meeting date – December 8, 2022 at 7 pm

Adjourn 9 pm. Dale moves, Steve seconds all aye