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January 29, 2024

**Work Session re: Casper Landing and Wendigo Park
3:00 pm Harris Town Hall**

Present: Madam Chair Clayton, Supervisor Schack, Supervisor Davies Supervisor Gilbert, and Supervisor Kelley; and Sarah Carling, CEDA

The Work Session was called to order at 3:00 pm by Madam Chair Clayton.

Grants:

Sarah opened up discussions on the master grant tracker she is now utilizing. Reviewing her tracker, there are currently 254 grants available.

Sarah stated that there are cultural, and tourism grants out there, with most being local grants through IRRRB and DNR.

The goal for Sarah is to dig deep into each of the projects.

Casper Landing

The board shared the last geometric layout completed by SEH, showing additional parking spots, green space, pavilion and swimming beach. Discussion followed.

Sarah stated that more work will need to be completed on the geometric layout in order for grant funding to be considered. A better drawing and features need to be included/shown, with ADA compliance, etc. Sarah will also reach out to SEH. Most grants have specific criteria, and the board will need to show that with an updated geometric layout.

A CAD drawing was a suggested by Sarah which would show parking, the beach, boat landing and all could be color-coded.

Supervisor Kelley will be in contact with SEH regarding the layout and updates, and the DNR regarding the lake side portion of the landing.

ARPA Finds will be used for the landing.

Wendigo Park:

Sarah reviewed the spreadsheet for Wendigo Park. Up-to-date quotes need to be received so figures can be plugged into the work sheet. Supervisor Kelley is awaiting a quote on fencing. Sarah provided an additional source to obtain a fencing quote. Even though Hawkinson Construction provided an updated quote, the tennis court and basketball court need to be separated out.

Supervisor Schack is awaiting an updated quote from Morrison Sealcoating, as the one on file is from 2022.

The board discussed and was in agreement to add a Pavilion at Wendigo.

The board reviewed figures already listed in the spreadsheet for Wendigo Park: Tennis/pickleball- the quote from Hawkinson lists a total of \$41,000 for removing the old court; Morrison lists a total of \$20,000 for adding a new surface. (Updated quote needed); quote from Keller Fencing lists \$40,000 for removal of fence and install new; quote from Morrison lists \$3,000 to add pickleball lines on 2 courts. Basketball- quote from Hawkinson lists \$41,000 for new surface (updated quote needed); (it was noted that the board needs to decide if they want a full court or ½ court striped for basketball). Pavilion-estimated cost for a steel pavilion is \$30,000; estimated cost for electric for pavilion is \$10,000; and estimated cost for concrete is \$20,000.

Discussion held on a walking trail utilizing the additional land that the township owns, surrounding the park. Further discussion was held on having a trail connection from the parking lot to the basketball court with an estimated cost of \$15,000; walking trail estimate of \$45,000; benches and picnic tables estimate of \$15,000 and add-ons to the playground of \$150,000. Sarah stated that the playground grants she has worked on for other townships and cities are mostly 100% funded.

The trails will also need to be ADA compliant (signage, size, etc). (At least one picnic table will need to be ADA compliant.) All grant applications need to show ADA compliance.

The trails task force is a good source for obtaining funds for walking trails. Supervisor Schack will check into this.

An estimated cost for Wendigo (alone) is leaning toward \$435,000.

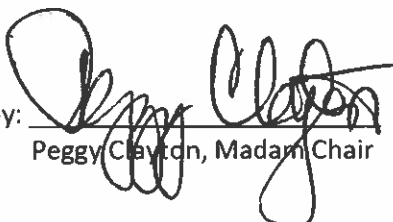
Peggy will check into the TED Grant.

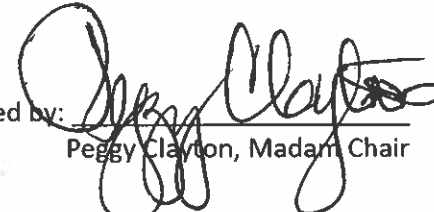
Prior to adjourning, Sarah stated that updated quotes need to be received from Morrison Sealcoating, and Hawkinson, and must include **prevailing wage**. The "sooner the better" on the updated quotes, as per Sarah! The board will also need to decide how much money the township will be putting into Wendigo. (ARPA funds will be used for Casper Landing)

A work session will be scheduled sometime in March.

Additional information provided after the meeting: a pickleball court and tennis court have differing net dimensions...A pickleball court is 20 x 44 ft while a tennis court measures 27 x 78 ft (thus the reason for different lines). A tennis net measures 42in at the post and 36in in the center. A pickleball net should measure 36in at the post and 34in at the center*

A motion was made by Supervisor Kelley and seconded by Supervisor Schack to adjourn the meeting at 4:58 pm.

Submitted by: 
Peggy Clayton, Madam Chair

Signed by: 
Peggy Clayton, Madam Chair