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Work Session re: Wendigo Park, Casper Landing, ARPA Funds April 1, 2024 5:00 pm Harris Town Hall MINUTES

Present: Madam Chair Clayton, Vice Chair Schack, Supervisors Davies, Gilbert, and Kelley; Clerk Derfler

The Work Session was called to order at 5:00 pm by Madam Chair Clayton.

Pledge to the Flag was conducted.

The purpose of the work session was to discuss Wendigo Park, Casper Landing, and ARPA Funds.

Wendigo Park/ARPA Funds

Sarah Carling requested that any new information regarding Wendigo Park be provided in order to update her spreadsheet. The Board provided two new quotes for fencing for the tennis courts. The first quote is from Keller Fence Company (\$42,495.00). The second quote is from Iron Oakes Fencing (\$47,340.00 with the options chosen).

Chair Clayton suggested making the courts at Wendigo Park pickleball and the courts at Crystal Park tennis. This can be discussed at a later stage, as the overall costs are what is needed now in order to apply for additional funding.

The Board previously provided quotes to Sarah Carling from Hawkinson Construction and Morrison Sealcoating for the tennis/pickleball/basketball courts at Wendigo Park. The Morrison Sealcoating quote of \$33,600.00 for surfacing and painting the tennis/pickleball/basketball courts is dated 4/23/2023, but the price will not be changing. The Hawkinson quote of \$80,929.09 includes removing the old courts and preparing the site for surfacing.

Sarah provided the updated approximate costs for each of the park projects that she has:

Courts removal (tennis/pickleball/basketball) - \$82,000.00

Courts surfacing - \$33,600.00

Courts fencing - \$48,000.00

Total for tennis/pickleball/basketball courts - \$163,600.00

Pavilion - \$30,000.00

Trails from parking to courts/playground, etc - \$15,000.00

Walking trails - \$45,000.00

Benches and picnic tables - \$15,000.00

Playground - \$150,000.00

Total for all - \$451,000.00

The funds that have been requested/granted are:

Blandin Foundation - \$100,000.00

ARPA Funds - \$226,740.00

TED Grant - \$20,000.00 (for parks)

Additional ARPA funds to be requested - \$75,000.00

Additional Culture & Tourism Grant funds (opens July/August) to be requested - \$30,000.00

Sarah requested that the Board identify all the projects the township is seeking to address with cost estimates in order for her to see the bigger picture. This will help her with coordinating grants that are available for projects, even if in the future. Funding agencies favor communities that can leverage their funds in to seed projects for the future.

After hearing the needs of the Township, Sarah made the recommendation to move forward with the courts and pavilion at Wendigo Park and resurfacing the courts at Crystal Park, then focus on Casper Landing which the Board agreed with.

Casper Landing

Sarah suggested that the Board get an engineer's cost estimate for the Casper Landing project. The CAD drawing that was suggested to obtain at the January Work Session is for the DNR's Outdoor Recreation Grant that comes around once per year and will open in March. It is a cumbersome grant to apply for. A rough estimate for cost of the Casper Landing project has been identified as \$350,000.00 until the engineer's estimate is obtained.

A motion was made by Chair Clayton and seconded by Supervisor Davies to move forward with obtaining an engineer's cost estimate for the Casper Landing project. Ayes-5; Nays-0. Motion carried.

ARPA Funds

Sarah provided the Board information on how to fill out the ARPA request form for the county. She also stated that the money requested from Itasca County must be spent by the summer of 2025.

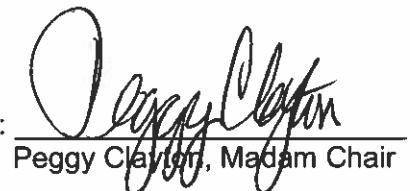
A motion was made by Supervisor Kelley and seconded by Supervisor Gilbert to approve the Chair to request ARPA funds from Itasca County in the amount of \$75,000.00 for the Crystal Park and Casper Landing upgrades. Ayes-5; Nays-0. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Supervisor Kelley and seconded by Supervisor Davies to adjourn the work session at 6:43 pm.

Prepared by:


Kelly Derfler, Clerk

Signed by:


Peggy Clayton, Madam Chair