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The Harris Town Board strives to enhance the quality of life, protect the environment and maintain economic stability for the residents of their community.

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PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT MEETING

May 24, 2023

MINUTES

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

Pledge to the Flag was conducted, followed by the reading of the township mission statement.

Approve the Minutes

April 26, 2023, P and D Minutes

A motion was made by Supervisor Schack and seconded by Supervisor Davies to approve the Minutes of the April 26, 2023 Planning and Development Meeting. Ayes-5; Nays-0. Motion carried.

May 11, 2023, Minutes of the Work Session Re: Lawn Contract, Website

A motion was made by Supervisor Gilbert and seconded by Supervisor Kelley to approve the minutes of the May 11, 2023, Work Session Minutes Re: Lawn Contract, Website. Ayes-5; Nays-0. Motion carried.

Additions and Corrections

There were no additions or corrections to the agenda.

A motion was made by Supervisor Kelley and seconded by Supervisor Gilbert to approve the P and D Agenda. Ayes-5; Nays-0. Motion carried.

Business from the Floor

Pickled Loon Party Request

Angie Stolz, 20202 Harbor Heights Rd, came before the board to request permission to host live music at the Pickled Loon for a class reunion. The request is specifically seeking the township's permission to have live music outdoors until the hour of midnight on August 12, 2023.

Chair Clayton stated that there is not a noise ordinance within the township or within the county. Itasca County will not issue noise permits, and advised the township to not issue permits, as noise permits are not within the township's authority. The attorney for Minnesota Association of Townships also stated that the township does not have the authority to issue permits and would be in violation of the state's regulation. The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency states that residential locations cannot exceed L10 = 55 dBA and L50 = 50dBA after 10:00 p.m.

Supervisor Gilbert suggested turning the music down below the required decibels after 10:00 p.m. and speaking to neighbors prior to the event.

Consent Agenda
Zoning/Itasca County Land Use Permits
Svetc-Page Cemetery Deed
Rocchio Cemetery Deed
Godfrey Cemetery Deed

A motion was made by Supervisor Schack and seconded by Supervisor Gilbert to approve the Consent Agenda as delineated above. Ayes-5; Nays-0. Motion carried.

Roads

Sunny Beach Road Update

Supervisor Kelley stated that one lane has been paved on Sunny Beach Road, with the other lane to be completed May 25, 2023. Shoulder work will be done shortly after the paving is complete, but no date was given. The second coat on Wood Tick Landing has been completed.

2023 Road Project Update

SEH is looking to begin the project for Aspen Drive, Mishawaka Road, and Mishawaka Shores at the end of July.

Dust Bee Gone Quote

Supervisor Kelley provided the quote from Dust Bee Gone. There was a slight increase in price from the previous year. Total cost is \$16,096.00. A quote was also received from the county at a cost of \$1,800/mile. Supervisor Kelley pointed out that the county sprays at a rate of .2 gallons per square yard, while Dust Bee Gone sprays at a rate of .3 gallons per square yard. Discussion followed.

A motion was made by Supervisor Gilbert and seconded by Supervisor Schack to approve the quote of Dust Bee Gone at a cost of \$16,096.00. Ayes-5; Nays-0. Motion carried.

Paved and Gravel Road Report

A motion was made by Supervisor Gilbert and seconded by Chair Clayton to approve the Paved and Gravel Road Report from May 18, 2023. Ayes-5; Nays-0. Motion carried.

Recreation

Park and Cemetery Inspection Reports for April 2023

A motion was made by Supervisor Kelley and seconded by Supervisor Davies to approve the Park And Cemetery Inspection Reports for April 2023. Ayes-5; Nays-0. Motion carried.

Rinks

Supervisor Kelley stated that he received a call asking if the township was interested in a Zamboni for the rinks. The township does not have the storage to keep a Zamboni and it would also incur maintenance costs to keep it in good, working order. Discussion followed.

MowDaddy Lawn Care Contract

Chair Clayton stated that the township received four quotes for lawn care. Two of the quotes did not qualify due to lack of equipment required. Of the two quotes remaining, the cost of one quote was much higher than the other.

A motion was made by Supervisor Schack and seconded by Supervisor Davies to approve the contract with MowDaddy from May 15, 2023 to September 30, 2025 for the areas of Wendigo Park

(\$235.00/mow), Crystal Springs Park (\$420.00/mow), Harris Town Hall (\$65.00/mow), and Harris Cemetery (\$450.00/mow). Ayes-5; Nays-0. Motion carried.

Correspondence

Grand Rapids Cable Commission Minutes of February 13, 2023

Informational only.

Thank You Letter, Historical Society, May 1, 2023

Informational only.

MN Department of Health Report of Analytical Results

Informational only.

Town Hall

Town Hall Report for April 2023

A motion was made by Supervisor Kelley and seconded by Supervisor Schack to approve the Town Hall Report for April 2023. Ayes-5; Nays-0. Motion carried.

Bottle Filling Station Quotes

Supervisor Schack received two quotes for a bottle filling station for the hall. Northern Air Plumbing & Heating was the lowest bid at \$2,267.00.

Supervisor Kelley questioned the need for a bottle filling station. Chair Clayton stated that during the pandemic, the board determined that it would be best to replace the stained and rusty water fountain with a bottle filling station. Discussion followed.

A motion was made by Chair Clayton and seconded by Supervisor Schack to approve the quote of Northern Air Plumbing & Heating of Grand Rapids, Inc. to replace the water fountain with the Elkay EZWSSM non-filtered, non-refrigerated, surface mount EZ H2O bottle filling station at a cost of \$2,267.00. Ayes-4; Nays-1. Motion carried.

Maintenance

Maintenance Report for April 2023

A motion was made by Supervisor Gilbert and seconded by Supervisor Davies to approve the Maintenance Report for April 2023. Ayes-5; Nays-0. Motion carried.

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

Schedule Work Session Re: Golf Crest Drive, Parcel 3 Land, Mishawaka Landing

A motion was made by Supervisor Kelley and seconded by Supervisor Schack to approve the scheduling of a Work Session Re: Golf Crest Drive, Parcel 3 Land, Mishawaka Landing for either May 31 or June 1, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. Ayes-5; Nays-0. Motion carried.

Memorial Day Event

Chair Clayton shared that the event will be held on Monday, May 29 at 10:15 a.m. The event has been posted on Facebook. Chair Clayton asked the board to consider approving the cost of coffee and cookies for the event, as has been done in years past.

A motion was made by Supervisor Gilbert and seconded by Supervisor Davies to approve the purchase of coffee and cookies for the May 29, 2023, Memorial Day Event. Ayes-5; Nays-0. Motion carried.

Bills

Payment of Bills

Treasurer Kopacek reviewed the May 24, 2023 Claims List.

A motion was made by Supervisor Davies and seconded by Supervisor Gilbert to approve and pay the bills, claims #20982 through #20992, and EFTs 5242301 through #EFT 5242307 in the amount of \$30,183.88. Ayes-5; Nays-0. Motion carried.

Public Input

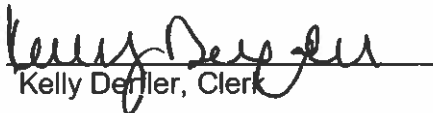
Supervisor Gilbert, as the weed inspector, shared that the township is working on a pollinator garden in Crystal Park. Supervisor Gilbert is seeking native pollinator plants for the garden. The township is also looking for volunteers for garden upkeep in the future.

UPCOMING Events/Meetings

May 29, 2023	Memorial Day Event	10:15 a.m. Cemetery
May 31 or June 1, 2023	Work Session Re: Golf Crest Drive, Parcel 3 Land, Mishawaka Landing	6:00 p.m. Town Hall
June 12, 2023	Itasca County Township Association Meeting	7:00 p.m. Town Hall
June 14, 2023	Regular Board Meeting	7:30 p.m. Town Hall
June 28, 2023	P and D Board Meeting	7:30 p.m. Town Hall

Adjourn

There being no further business to come before the board, a motion was made by Supervisor Gilbert and seconded by Supervisor Davies to adjourn the meeting at 8:11 p.m.

Prepared by: 
Kelly Derfler, Clerk

Signed by: 
Peggy Clayton, Chair