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Work Session MATIT, Landings, Parks, and Grants April 20, 2023 5:30 pm Harris Town Hall

Present: Madam Chair Clayton, Supervisors Schack, Davies, Gilbert & Kelley
Others Present: Kacie Stanek and Andrew Brown/DNR, and Sarah Carling/CEDA

The purpose of the Work Session was to discuss the MATIT Policy Coverage, Landings, Parks, and Grants.

The work session was called to order at 5:30 pm by Madam Chair Clayton.

Mishawaka Landing:

Chair Clayton handed out copies of quotes from Hawkinson, Casper, and TNT from 2022. In one of the last work sessions, mention was made on obtaining updated quotes. Supervisor Kelley did receive an updated quote from Hawkinson. The July 2022 bid was \$65,175. The new bid is for \$62,873.00. Supervisor Kelley stated that the reclaim option for bit removal of \$11,971.20 could be removed from the Hawkinson bid as that would be absorbed and included with the sunny beach road work that needs to be finalized this summer.

Supervisor Kelley further stated that the bid from 2022 from Casper was \$60,986.00. If DNR supplies the storm sewer piping, the Casper bid would drop roughly by \$10,000.00. Discussion followed. Supervisor Kelley will be in contact with Casper Construction. Once updated bids are received, Sarah will need the updated figures for budgeting purposes.

Andrew provided specs on a catch basin /storm drain which DNR could also provide vs. going through Casper Construction, which would bring Casper's bid down further.

Kacie stated that the DNR has removed most of the trees at Mishawaka Landing. The larger one by the roadside will also need to be removed. Harris does have the wood chipper, and between Harris Maintenance and DNR staff, they would take care of all of the branches, etc.

Discussion held on timelines with Mishawaka work, and conclusion was work would commence in July.

Docks discussions took place. Woodtick will receive a floating dock provided by DNR. Discussion on cleaning up that shoreline took place. LaPlant will also get a replacement dock, which will be installed prior to fishing opener.

Parks:

Supervisor Schack will be obtaining updated quotes on resurfacing and patch/repair on Wendigo Tennis Courts, basketball court, and Crystal Tennis Courts. Supervisor Kelley will also be providing updated quotes from Hawkinson for the courts. Discussion followed. Once updated bids are received, Sarah will need the updated figures for budgeting purposes.

Grants

Supervisor Gilbert discussed grant opportunities for a walking trail at Crystal, and the possibility of a trail at Wendigo connecting Wendigo Picnic Park.

Kacie stated there is a DNR trail connecting grant, which is a short trail connecting to where people live. This may or may not be applicable to the parks. Sarah stated there is an IRRRB trails grant for an 8ft wide walking path, where the board could possibly incorporate the flowers for pollinators garden at Crystal, into a grant. Quotes etc., would need to be obtained for budgeting purposes and grant availabilities. Discussion took place. Supervisor Gilbert will take a lead on these projects.

MATIT Insurance Coverage


Chair Clayton reviewed the updated MATIT insurance policy provided by Sarah Turek. Supervisor Kelley is in the process of getting a quote, in lieu of MATIT insurance coverage. There are many items on the list that could be covered under Inland Marine, as per Supervisor Kelley. Discussion followed. After discussion it was decided to not rush into obtaining a replacement quote, and to stay with MATIT for this year, therefore, allowing work on any additional quotes throughout the year. Chair Clayton also contacted an insurance vendor to provide a quote but has not heard back.

Discussion held on fences at both parks' tennis courts. Replacement costs for the fences will be obtained by Supervisor Kelley.

There was no further business discussed.

A motion was made by Supervisor Davies and seconded by Supervisor Schack to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 pm.

Submitted by: 
Peggy Clayton, in lieu of Clerk

Signed by: 
Peggy Clayton, Madam Chair