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**Work Session**  
**Re: Boat Landings, Parks, and Grants**  
**February 16, 2023**  
**2:30 pm Harris Town Hall**

**Present:** Madam Chair Clayton, Supervisor Schack, and Supervisor Gilbert

**Absent:** Supervisor Davies and Supervisor Kelley

**Others Present:** Sarah Carling/CEDA, and Kasey Stanek/DNR

The Work Session was called to order at 2:40 pm by Madam Chair Clayton.

The pledge to the flag was conducted.

The purpose of the session was to discuss Mishawaka Landing work, Crystal Park and Wendigo Park tennis and basketball courts, and grants.

**Mishawaka Landing**

Chair Clayton handed out quotes from July 2022 for Hawkinson Construction/Mishawaka boat landing work, and Casper Construction/Mishawaka landing storm sewer work. Discussion followed. \*Supervisor Kelley was not present at the meeting, but was contacted during the meeting on questions.\*

The quote from Hawkinson Construction for paving, and a reclaim option for bituminous removal in the amount of \$78,746.20 was reviewed. It was determined that an updated quote will need to be obtained as the estimate will more than likely change. The blacktop and striping portion should be listed under 2023 Sunny Beach Road completion, to get a better bid. Supervisor Kelley will obtain an updated quote.

The quote from Casper Construction for storm sewer work was discussed. The scope of the work included \*grub and haul away tree stumps, (with tree clearing to be completed by DNR.). The grub and haul away tree stumps will remain in the quote. \* the 18" HDPE Storm Sewer Pipe with aprons, will be provided by the DNR. Kasey will need the length of piping, and any other specs. The length will be obtained from SEH. Supervisor Davies will need to obtain an updated quote from Casper, with the removal of the 18" storm sewer pipe with aprons.

Kasey stated that the DNR will be able to haul out excess dirt and supply class 5 under the DNR Agreement.

Further discussion was held on the timeframe(s) for work to begin with trees to be cut and removed before fishing opener/once ice is out. (The landing will also need to be closed for a period of time). Supervisor Schack will contact Lease Landscaping about tree top removal from the site. The existing culvert will need to be removed and replaced, with paving and reclaim to follow.

Sarah recommended that updated quotes need to be received soon, so she can pull together numbers etc. Monies spent will come from ARPA funds.

**Parks/Grants:**

Chair Clayton reviewed the February 2022 quote from Morrison Sealcoating for resurfacing at Wendigo tennis court and basketball court in the amount of \$24,500.00. The quote dated November 29, 2021 included both Wendigo and Crystal (patch and repairs/resurfacing at Wendigo, tennis courts and basketball court, and patching and repairs at Crystal Park basketball and tennis courts) in the amount of \$38,700.00. Discussion followed.

Sarah stated that before any work can take place at Wendigo and Crystal, matching grants need to be pursued. Having updated quotes will help Sarah determine the amount needed for matching grants, along with monies to be used from the township, and the \$100,000 Blandin Grant for the parks. Two quotes are needed!

Supervisors Schack and Gilbert will work on getting an updated quote from Morrison Sealcoating, along with an additional quote (for the same work).

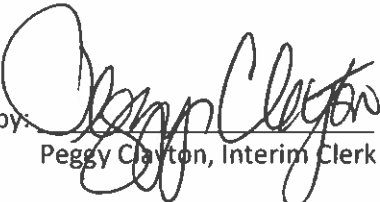
Discussion held on grants that are available. Sarah stated there is a trails grant, which includes parks, through the IRRRB and there is no maximum dollar amount to be distributed. The township could also qualify for the maximum grant, if there are trails involved. Discussion held on trails at Wendigo and Crystal. Both parks have trail options for both summer and winter.

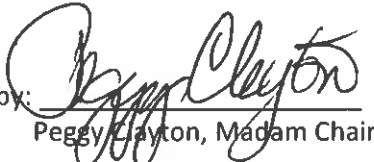
As per Sarah, it's important for updated quotes to be received as soon as possible so she can pull figures together to determine the applicable grant options, and start working on grants.

Sarah gave the Board a deadline to obtain updated quotes by mid-March, schedule additional work sessions to discuss quotes, and get grant processes started.

Kasey brought up the possibility of a trail from Wendigo Park to Picnic Park. Supervisor Gilbert stated that Picnic Park is on the township radar and he welcomed all possibilities for a trail as it relates to the park! Kasey stated that the DNR has an "Access Grant" for trail systems. Further discussion followed. Kasey will start looking into the grant for the township.

A motion was made by Supervisor Gilbert and seconded by Supervisor Schack to adjourn the meeting at 3:45 pm.

Submitted by:   
Peggy Clayton, Interim Clerk

Signed by:   
Peggy Clayton, Madam Chair