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The Harris Township 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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**IEDC Work Session  
January 14, 2021  
5:00 pm Harris Town Hall**

**Present:** Chair Ken Haubrich, Supervisors Clayton, Gilbert, Kelley and Schack; and Clerk Roxanne Christie

**Others Present:** Sarah Carling, IEDC

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm by Chair Haubrich. The pledge to the flag was conducted.

The Purpose of the work session was to review the project identification township priorities.

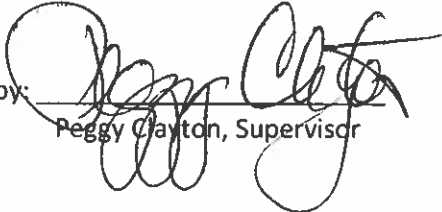
Sarah went down the list of priorities as follows:

1. Street repair and improvements - the board determined that this priority will be ongoing. Currently the township has applied for \$1.25M in funding to work on Sunny Beach Road. Brief discussion followed.
2. Community Safety/security cameras installed throughout the township in areas of concern - This project was completed and made possible with the funding from the CARES Act. The township Cemetery, Service Center, Crystal Park, and Wendigo Park now have security cameras installed. This priority was removed.
3. Boat Landings/Updated boat landings, parking, and park amenities at local boat landings - Sarah will continue working on a feasibility study with specific agencies. Mishawaka is a main boat landing that will need work completed to get it to where the township has additional room, parking, etc.
4. Community Signage – addition of welcome signs was thoroughly discussed. Locations addressed were: Hwy. 169, River Road, CR 91, and CR 17. The board will obtain quotes from Todd Signs, and Neumann Signs for “welcome” signs, and will move forward on this project identifying “Harris Township” to promote and direct visitors/citizens.
5. Commercial Business Recruitment/Attraction Program – this program would entice new business to start their business in Harris Township. The Board discussed and identified properties/empty lots within the township that would be viable locations for new businesses. Sarah suggested that the board consider a “Revitalization Program”. Sarah will talk with KOOTASCA to hopefully begin a process/program for the township, and possibility have them come before the board to discuss this program. Discussion followed.
6. Updated Ordinances/needed for renters (VRBO) – Chair Haubrich stated he was not interested in this as a township priority, and the board was in agreement. Sarah suggested that this item be placed on a back burner vs. removing it from the list.

Sarah asked the board if there were any other areas of interest within the township. Walking trails was discussed as a possibility. The addition of a new service center garage, and the addition of a remodel/add on to the existing town hall was also discussed.

Sarah will move forward with the projects identified (above) and a work session will be scheduled at a later date to continue discussions, etc.

There being no further business to come before the board, a motion was made by Supervisor Clayton and seconded by Supervisor Gilbert to adjourn the meeting at 6:30 pm.

Submitted by:   
Peggy Clayton, Supervisor

Dated:   
Ken Haubrich, Chair