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Mission Statement:
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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Boat Landings, Land, ARPA, City of Grand Rapids & Blandin Grant Work Session May 2, 2022 6:00 pm

Present: Madam Chair Peggy Clayton, Supervisor Schack, Davies, Gilbert & Kelley; Clerk Riendeau

Also Present: Kacie Stanek Area Supervisor DNR Parks and Trails & Andrew Brown Assistant, and Sarah Carling, CEDA

Pledge to the Flag was conducted.

The purpose of the work session was to continue discussions regarding Boat Landings, Land Sale, ARPA, City of Grand Rapids & Blandin Grant.

Boat Landings:

Mishawaka:

Considerable discussion was held on the Mishawaka Landing. Many pieces of the puzzle need to be in place prior to work beginning. A timeline of work was broken out as per the following:

- The township will have the trees removed;
- SEH can take care of the necessary culvert (ie bid with Casper or Hawkinson);
- While culvert work is being done, DNR can work at Woodtick;
- DNR can remove the berm once trees are removed;
- DNR would also remove the railroad ties, and either dispose of them or give them away;
- Haul fill from Mishawaka to Woodtick;
- Hawkinson to shape/reclaim and add class 5, before paving and getting striped.

The soonest DNR could begin any work would be June 1, and so once the trees are gone, the DNR can begin. The board would also need some type of a list as to when the first fishing tournament will be held on Pokegama, so work does not prevent people from parking etc. A suggestion was to work Monday through Thursday on the landings, and then open on the weekends for those wanting to access the landing. Road restrictions also need to be considered, as they are still in place. The Township could utilize the services of Plackner Tree Service to get the trees down prior to opening fishing. The Township would need to place information in the paper, Facebook, and website, on work that will be conducted, so people are aware of dates/time frames.

Woodtick Landing:

Discussion held on Woodtick landing. DNR can grub out, with their rubber tired backhoe. Derrick can also work on some fencing. Itasca Soil and Water would need to do soil borings. Once that is done and results are obtained, that will determine the direction the board needs to take.

DNR could take care of rocks and possibly get a better price on gravel, and a culvert, off the State Contract. Hawkinson and Casper Pits were discussed, as far as obtaining gravel.

A motion was made by Supervisor Davies and seconded by Supervisor Schack to obtain a quote from Plackner Tree Service, on tree removal at Mishawaka. Motion carried.

Once a quote is obtained, and the board knows when Plackner can remove the trees, the DNR will be notified.

A motion was made by Supervisor Davies and seconded by Supervisor Schack to have SEH pull together drawing(s) on Mishawaka landing. Motion carried.

City of Grand Rapids:

Chair Clayton did talk with Andy Shaw, and Andy is going to put the Isleview Road back on his "to do" list. He has not heard anything from the City of Grand Rapids, and Andy agreed that the Township needs to continue work to get this paperwork processed, etc.

Land Sale:

SEH has completed the cemetery surveys, and Supervisor Kelley is waiting to get the information. Once the information is received this will be turned over to Andy Shaw to pull together the ad to get the properties listed (for sale) in the paper. Short discussion held.

Blandin Grant:

Discussion held on a quote from Hawkinson to resurface Wendigo tennis courts and basketball court, add the necessary lines for pickle ball, and crack fill, etc at Crystal tennis courts, and basketball court. Supervisor Schack will also bring forward updated quotes from Morris Sealcoating.

Sarah with CEDA reminded the board on obtaining a matching grant(s), utilizing the \$100,000 Blandin Grant. No work can begin until matching grant(s) are obtained. Discussion held on possibilities of MN Power grant, IRRRB grant, etc. MAT also provides grant information in their newsletters.

ARPA:

April 30, 2022 ARPA Report deadline was met. Both Nancy and the Chair completed the report on April 27, 2022 and submitted it online. The next report will not be due until April 2023.

A motion was made by Supervisor Schack and seconded by Supervisor Kelley to adjourn the work session at 7:52 pm.

Submitted by 
Peggy Clayton, Interim Clerk

Signed by 
Peggy Clayton, Chair

