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Boat Landings, Land, ARPA, Public Survey, City of Grand Rapids & Grant Application Work Session
November 29, 2021
6:00 pm

Present: Madam Chair Peggy Clayton, Supervisor Mike Schack, Supervisor Ryan Davies, Supervisor Jim Kelley; Clerk Riendeau

Absent: Supervisor Dan Gilbert

Pledge to the Flag was conducted.

The purpose of the work session was to continue discussions regarding Boat Landings, Land, ARPA, Public Survey, City of Grand Rapids & Grant Application

Grant Application

Madam Chair Clayton shared information that the Harris Township has an opportunity to be awarded \$150,000.00. The township will need to complete the grant application and submit by December 3, 2021. The grant money can be used on recreational things like the tennis and basketball courts to name a few. Madam Chair Clayton discussed the Grant Application and provided a copy to the board. Further discussion held.

A phone call was received from Sarah Carling (as she was unable to be present) and Sarah provided information regarding the completion of the application.

Madam Chair Clayton asked Sarah about the duration of project on the Grant Application. Sarah suggested to enter the last day of 2021 to the last day of 2022. The Board is going to need to guestimate costs of projects to be completed. The total project budget on the Grant Application should be a higher amount than the \$150,000.00. Discussion followed on the budget summary on the application.

- Total project budget: this is the amount that the Board decides the projects will cost
- Total dollar amount requested of Blandin Foundation: this is \$150,000.00
- Total annual budget (of entity or organization): 2022 budge approved at the annual township meeting in March 2021.

Madam Chair Clayton and the Board discussed estimated costs of the Tennis Courts being \$100,000.00, LaPlant Landing \$75,000, Woodtick Landing \$105,000.00, Mishawaka \$125,000.00, Trail \$5,000.00 and Casper Landing \$175,000.00 for a total of \$580,000.00. Madam Chair Clayton will add this information to the Grant Application.

Madam Chair Clayton will continue to complete the Grant Application and submit it before December 3, 2021.

Crystal & Wendigo Park

Supervisor Kelley suggested that with the grant money Harris Township should look at redoing Wendigo and Crystal Tennis and Basketball Courts. Supervisor Schack provided the estimate that he received for Crystal Basketball court and hopscotch repair for \$2800.00. Discussion followed.

Mishawaka Landing

Supervisor Kelley spoke about the guestimate for taking the hill out to expand for more parking at Mishawaka Landing and resurfacing and adding a retaining wall, which could roughly cost \$125,000.00.

Woodtick Landing

Supervisor Kelley provided the quote received from SEH for surveying Woodtick landing. Discussion followed.

Madam Chair Clayton received a letter from Kacie Stanek with the DNR stating they are short-staffed and the DNR will not get to the project of the Woodtick Landing until the Spring 2022. Kacey stated the DNR will not be able to dredge the Woodtick Landing and that they could clean the muck off the concrete ramp. If the Township wants to pursue dredging, a wetland permit and an outside contractor would be needed. Madam Chair Clayton will contact Kacey to see if they can clean the muck off the concrete ramp in the early Spring of 2022.

A motion was made by Supervisor Schack and seconded by Supervisor Davies to move forward with the survey for Woodtick Landing. Motion carried.

LaPlant Landing

Madam Chair Clayton asked the Board about ideas for LaPlant Landing. Supervisor Kelley stated that the Township should get the survey done and clean it up. Discussion followed. Supervisor Kelley stated to purchase some land across from the LaPlant landing would be awfully expensive as the Township would need to attain a wetland permit, clear it and muck it out and put fabric down among many other tasks as the property is swamp. Discussion followed regarding just resurfacing the parking lot.

Casper Landing

Supervisor Schack mentioned the Casper Boat Landing and what needs to be done there. The Board discussed removing the fence that is there and install new fence, possibly removing the hill or making it two levels. Further discussion followed. The Board feels that they should take another look at Casper Landing.

City of Grand Rapids

Madam Chair Clayton is awaiting parcel information from the Auditor Department on Isleview Road.

Public Survey

Madam Chair Clayton put a reminder out for the Public Survey on Thanksgiving Day and will do another reminder. Discussion followed on different ways to inform the public about this survey.

A motion was made by Supervisor Kelley and seconded by Supervisor Davies to adjourn the meeting at 7:27 pm.

Submitted by: Beth Riendeau Signed by: Peggy Clayton
Beth Riendeau, Clerk Peggy Clayton, Chair