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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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PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT MEETING MINUTES MAY 26, 2021

Present: Madam Chair Clayton, Vice Chair Schack, Supervisors Davies, Gilbert and Kelley; Treasurer Kopacek, Clerk Riendeau

Pledge to the Flag was conducted, followed by the reading of the township mission statement.

Approve Minutes

Minutes of April 28, 2021 P and D Meeting

A motion was made by Supervisor Gilbert and seconded by Supervisor Davies to approve the minutes of the April 28, 2021 P and D Meeting. Motion carried.

Minutes of April 29, 2021 Local Board of Appeal and Equalization Minutes

A motion was made by Supervisor Schack and seconded by Supervisor Kelley to approve the minutes of the April 29, 2021 Local Board of Appeal and Equalization Minutes. Motion Carried

Additions and Corrections

Supervisor Kelley requested adding Dust Control to the agenda under Roads as 6B

A motion was made by Supervisor Kelley and seconded by Supervisor Gilbert to approve the addition of Dust Control under Roads 6B, and the regular agenda. Motion carried.

Business from the Floor

Cindy Martin told the board that a Newsletter will be coming out In August

Consent Agenda

Gilbert Cemetery Deed

SSTS Permits

Zoning/Land Permits

A motion was made by Supervisor Kelley and seconded by Supervisor Schack to approve the Consent Agenda as delineated above. Motion carried.

Roads

Road Update

Supervisor Kelley reported the roads look good and he should know more about the grant next month

Dust Control

Supervisor Kelley reported they will forgo Dust Control for Carol Road. Supervisor Kelley received a call from a resident on Jane Lane requesting Dust Control. Jane Lane will require more money to be spent. Discussion was held for Dust Control.

A motion was made by Supervisor Schack and seconded by Supervisor Davies to approve Dust Control on Jane Lane. Motion carried.

Recreation

Park and Cemetery Inspection Report for April 2021

A motion was made by Supervisor Schack and seconded by Supervisor Gilbert to approve the Park and Cemetery Report for April 2021. Motion carried.

Correspondence

Cable Commission Minutes of February 1, 2021

Madam Chair stated these are quarterly meetings and the next meeting will be held in the fall.

Town Hall

Town Hall Mask Update

Madam Chair initiated discussion on whether or not to keep the mask mandate at the Harris Town Hall or remove it. The Board decided to follow the State guidelines and to remove the mask mandate as of May 27, 2021.

A motion was made by Supervisor Schack and seconded by Supervisor Davies to approve the Town Hall Mask Update effective May 27, 2021. Motion Carried.

Maintenance

Maintenance Report for April 2021

Supervisor Schack gave a brief overview of maintenance work completed for the month of April 2021. Cemetery is getting cleaned up and ready for Memorial Day. Other projects include ditch and road work including shoulder work on Mishawaka.

A motion was made by Supervisor Kelley and seconded by Supervisor Gilbert to approve the Maintenance Report for April 2021. Motion carried.

Old Business

Sign Placement Update

Supervisor Schack spoke about sign placement. Signs cannot be put up on State Highways per MNDOT. Supervisor Schack spoke with the county and the county stated they will do the work of putting the signs up. Considering sign placement would be at the following:

County road 17 and county road 250 (Crystal Springs Road)

River Road city limit

River Road and Wendigo Road

County road 119 by the Town Hall

County road 91

County road 67 (north side)

Mishawaka Road

A motion was made by Supervisor Kelley and seconded by Chair Clayton to approve the Sign Placement Update. Motion Carried.

Stony Point Tree Removal (tabled from May 12, 2021 meeting)

Supervisor Kelley stated there will be one large tree and a couple small trees removed. Tree Care will be doing this project which will cost \$700.00.

A motion was made by Supervisor Kelley and seconded by Supervisor Gilbert to approve Stony Point Tree Removal to be done by Tree Care in the amount of \$700.00. Motion carried.

Rezone Application Update

Chair Clayton gave an update to the board that the new date for viewing the rezone site inspection is scheduled for Wednesday June 9, 2021 at 8:15AM and a public hearing will be held the same day at 9:00AM in the County Board Room of the Courthouse

New Business

Weed Inspector Report

Supervisor Gilbert spoke about checking the ditches in the area and has found many ditches have been overtaken with poison ivy. Also mentioned, that many townships are fighting against wild parsnips. Supervisor Gilbert requested if anybody sees or knows about them to let Supervisor Gilbert know so he can document where they are at. Supervisor Gilbert can submit this to the DNR and may possibly be able to get grants to control them. Discussion held on how to handle the weeds.

Get to Know your Backyard

Supervisor Gilbert reported the dandelions are the first to come up and how some people spray them and want to get rid of them, but they help the birds and bees early in the season. There are also asparagus and morrell mushrooms in the area.

Township Association Meeting June 14, 2021 Airport Conference Center

Madam Chair gave information about the Township Association Meeting to be held at the Airport Conference Room on June 14, 2021 at 7PM.

Bills

Approve the Payment of Bills

Treasurer Kopacek reviewed the claims list for bills to be paid.

A motion was made by Supervisor Gilbert and seconded by Supervisor Schack to approve claims #20083 through #20095, and EFTS 5262101 through 5262110 in the amount of \$31,303.69. Motion carried.

Public Input

Madam Chair gave a reminder of the event at Harris Township Cemetery on May 31, 2021 at 10:15AM. No coffee or cookies will be served during this time.

Treasurer Kopacek asked if the option to get on the budget plan for Northwest Gas should be decided by the board. Chair Clayton thought this should be decided by the board.

A motion was made by Supervisor Kelley and seconded by Supervisor Schack to continue to pay the Northwest Gas bill monthly. Motion Carried.

UPCOMING Events/Meetings

May 31, 2021	Memorial Day Event	10:15 am Cemetery
June 9, 2021	Regular Board Meeting	7:30 pm Town Hall
June 14, 2021	Township Association Meeting	7:00 pm Airport Conf. Room
June 23, 2021	P and D Board Meeting	7:30 pm Town Hall


Adjourn

There being no further business to come before the board, a motion was made by Supervisor Schack and seconded by Supervisor Gilbert to adjourn the meeting at 8:02 pm.

Prepared by:


Beth Riendeau, Clerk

Signed by:


Peggy Clayton, Chair

