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Boat Landings/ARPA Funding Work Session September 20, 2021 6:30 pm

Present: Madam Chair Peggy Clayton, Supervisors Mike Schack, Ryan Davies, Dan Gilbert and Jim Kelley; Clerk Riendeau

Also Present: Township Attorney, Andy Shaw

Pledge to the Flag was conducted.

The purpose of the work session was to continue discussions regarding boat landings, ARPA funds, and land.

Madam Chair Clayton met with township attorney Andy Shaw on August 30, 2021, and invited him to attend this work session, as well as September 23, and September 27 work sessions, to discuss several items which included land purchase, Mishawaka Landing, LaPlant Landing, and corner lot of Wendigo Road and Harris Town Road.

Corner Lot of Wendigo Road & Harris Town Road

Andy Shaw spoke about selling this corner lot, and he recommended the first step should be to have the property appraised. Andy stated this lot does not need to be surveyed as it has a parcel ID number and existing legal description. Andy suggested that the Township put a notice in the Herald Review stating the property is for sale.

Discussion followed on how the Board would like to sell the lot. Andy recommended to get a realtor to help the Board determine how to divide the property to be put up for sale.

Sarah Carling stated she would get ahold of Jordan, who is a realtor to see if he is willing to give input on the property.

Discussion followed.

Casper/Miller Land

Andy Shaw suggested to find a realtor and make a blind offer. He does have a realtor he could ask. Sarah Carling is going to check with Jordan to see if he would be interested in providing input on this Casper/Miller property. It is recommended this land get an appraisal as well. Discussion followed.

LaPlant/Clayton Land

Andy Shaw suggested the first step the Board should do is get a legal script of how much land the Township would like to purchase then have a discussion with the owners to see if they would be willing to sell a portion of their land.

Madam Chair Clayton and Supervisor Davies are going to work together on the legal script and having conversation with owners.

This land should be appraised along with the LaPlant Boat Landing being surveyed.

Madam Chair Clayton is going to find out exactly who owns the LaPlant Landing, as it is unclear if Harris Township owns it. Andy Shaw suggested to get ahold of the Title company and ask to see all documents of that property.

Mishawaka

Andy Shaw suggested the first step the Board should make is having a discussion with the landowner and see if they are willing to sell.

Supervisor Gilbert is going to approach the owner and see if she is willing to donate the lot for parking or sell the lot to the Township.

Discussion followed.

MN DNR


Sarah Carling spoke about the MN DNR Outdoor Recreation grant which can be used to acquire land as long as it has a recreational purpose outside of just parking. Sarah stated there are other grants the Township should look into to partner with the MN DNR Grant.

Sarah spoke with Kacie Stanek with the DNR about Woodtick Landing, Sarah suggested this landing be brought back up to Kacie. Madam Chair Clayton will send Kacie an email, stating this landing needs to get done as the agreement was to dredge out 30 feet at Woodtick Landing to be completed this fall.

Discussion followed.

A motion was made by Supervisor Schack and seconded by Supervisor Davies to adjourn the meeting at 7:58 pm.

Submitted by: 
Beth Riendeau, Clerk

Signed by: 
Peggy Clayton, Chair