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Boat Landings, Land, ARPA, Public Survey & City of Grand Rapids Work Session

November 1, 2021

6:00 pm

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

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.

Public Survey

Madam Chair Clayton shared the Public Survey with the Board to see if there were any changes that need to be made. There are two questions that the Board thought should be removed. Supervisor Kelley noted that City Parks should be changed to Township Parks.

Mishawaka Landing & LaPlant Landing

Bob Beaver sent a letter to the Board stating the topographic survey and research for property corners has been complete. The surveyor is scheduled to start working on locating the property corners. SEH will mark the location once identified.

Madam Chair Clayton spoke with the owner across the road from LaPlant Landing to see if they would be willing to sell a couple of acres. The owner does not want to give up this part of the land due to the irrigation system that is set up. Discussion followed on what some other options might be.

Property Adjacent to the Cemetery

Katie Benes with Itasca County stated "all parcels in that quarter section were split off before September 1 of 1997. That means you can still do 3 administrative splits before requiring a subdivision."

The Board would like to split these into 2 parcels at 3 acres each parcel. This property adjacent to the cemetery will need to be surveyed.

Corner Lot of Wendigo Road & Harris Town Road

Madam Chair Clayton and the Board Supervisors are moving forward with the 3.3-acre land sale. Attorney Andy Shaw drafted an advertisement for the local newspaper for the sale of the Corner Lot of Wendigo Road and Harris Town Road. This land does have a well on it that will need to be looked at to see what kind of condition it is in.

Annexations

Madam Chair Clayton received a letter from Steve Fenski from MN Association of Townships regarding annexation questions. This is regarding a portion of Isleview Road, which contains 137 properties 27 of these residents are part city, the other properties are part of Harris Township. The letter mentions a detachment. Only the city or the landowners can start the process of the detachment. The city can annex, the township cannot annex city, but the

township can detach. The city has powers to take the annex back after the road has been repaired, the town can object. Attorney Andy Shaw recommends taking option 2 which is detachment. Discussion followed.

Miller-Persons Property

Attorney Andy Shaw drafted a letter to Nancy Miller & John Persons to notify them of removal of the chain link fence and moving it to the property line. Discussion followed regarding the letter.

A motion was made by Supervisor Schack and seconded by Supervisor Kelley to adjourn the meeting at 7:18 pm.

Submitted by: Beth Riendeau
Beth Riendeau, Clerk

Signed by: Peggy Clayton
Peggy Clayton, Chair