

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT MEETING

July 27, 2016 – 7:30pm

Minutes

Present: Supervisor Burl Ives, Supervisor Jim Kelley, Supervisor Dennis Kortekaas, Supervisor Ken Haubrich, Treasurer Becky Adams, Clerk Cari Alleman, absent was Supervisor Gary Rosato.

1. Pledge to the flag

2. Business from the Floor

- Email from resident about internet-Suggestion to go to Bemidji to talk to the president of Paul Bunyan to work out an agreement; the board will get the email to Julie Kennedy, all our franchise agreements are coming up and Supervisor Ives has some back history with Paul Bunyan and has communications with the company. Our township have needs and wants out here and we need to pursue a grant to make this happen. Supervisor Ives would donate time to go and talk to the President of Paul Bunyan, it would need multiple grants to bring it out Supervisor Ives will work on communication and Supervisor Haubrich will help also.
- Comprehensive plan of Hwy 169 tax classification: Kenneth Forst would like us to look at and change the comp plan many businesses already operate on the 169 corridor and would like to re-classify it. Have a letter from Steve Perdum, who operates a business on the 169 corridor. Eric Phillips, Melvin Holmquist of Affinity Graphics, were also in attendance to night to speak about the comprehensive plan. Residents of the area would like the opportunity to change the comp plan to be able, if you choose, to classify it commercial you have the choice, and if you want to be able to keep the homestead classification you are able too. In the comp plan now, it doesn't allow commercial property on the west side of the 169 corridor, they would like to have the opportunity to have the west side zoned commercial. Motion to relook at the comp plan made by Supervisor Ives, seconded by Supervisor Haubrich motioned passed by all. Work session Aug. 3, 2016 at 7 pm at the Town Hall.

3. Consent Agenda

- Resolution on the maintenance supervisor- Supervisor Kelley would like to table to the resolution and look at the employee's handbook and policy's and come back to it at a later date. Motion to review in a work session by Supervisor Ives Seconded by Supervisor Kortekaas, to have a work session on August 1, at 7 pm at the town hall.
- Resolution for election judges- motion to approve made by Supervisor Kelley seconded by Supervisor Haubrich motion passed by all
- Motion to move Meyers to a new lot in the cemetery (Mrs. Meyer's will let me know what she would like) - Bonnie Key talked where the board asked the Meyers to move there loved one instead of the Carlisle family's loved one. Mrs. Key suggested we let the rest of the family's know and it was on the full board to have told the Meyers family, not just the past members. She indicated that it's rude to have the past members of the board to put all the blame on them. Supervisor Ives- we were indicated that the last week of June to give the problem to solve. Understanding the law and we have an encroachment issues on both the north and south end of the Meyer's site, not a nice situation of moving the two other remains, we can call it "Plan B"; Mrs. Key says we have a communication problem. Ms. Angie Olsen (Mr. Meyer's Daughter) spoke about how they were offering to have Mr. Meyers moved instead of having to have the others moved.

It was brought to the attention of the supervisor's Ives and Haubrich, and they have been taking care of it. They have had conversations with the Meyer's family. The maintenance employee have been consulted about the situation and in their opinion, its not going to go well when we try to move the other vaults; the Meyers family is ok with moving their dad/husband. (Spoken on live tv)The board had two years to fix the problem and had a second opportunity to fix it in the situation again in 2015. November 20, 2013 it was known and brought up in the minutes of that meeting, and on Aug 8, 2013 the maintenance crew informed the board about the encroachments on the site.

The plot that is impacted will be split in three ways and will be gifted to the families that are being impacted. Meyer's family has a request that the previous board has no contact with the Meyers family. Motion to accept the Meyer's new lots in the cemetery Section 3, Block 8, Lot 2, Sites 1-8 Lot 3, Sites 1-8, Lot 1, Site 5-8, Lot 4 Sites 5-8. Supervisor Ives motioned Supervisor Haubrich seconded. Motion passed by all.

4. Roads

- Update on the road progress from S.E.H- Sunny Beach and Isle View projects: Sunny Beach has substantial work done and some residents are getting the final driveways in. They did a subgrade correction on the road and did the whole width of the road to correct potential settlements that could have had long lasting effects. It was recommended that there needs to have more safety cones out and measures taken, around some of the corners of the road.
- Mailboxes- has anyone said they do not want to have the new mailboxes, and haven't had any issues with the mailboxes. This was supposed to be added to a letter that was sent to the residents and was not included. The cost to remove a mailbox is about \$50 and about \$100 to salvage mailboxes and reused. To do the tar they didn't need to take out all the mailboxes, they did a good job of not smashing mailboxes when they brought in the big equipment. It was included in the contract to replace the mailboxes and it was to be the resident's choice if not wanting mailboxes removed. If not wanting a new mailbox they would contact either S.E.H. or a board member. In the next road project would like to make sure that it's better communicated to the residents.
- Part of the road has cracking and Jayson will be looking at the section of the road.
- Birch Street had 3 culverts replaced, and will gravel for the time being and will repave the road when the utilities are finished being moved, and will then finish ditch work. Looking at milling on the 15 of August to be started
- Pay Estimate – *S.E.H. are finalizing numbers with contractors and hopefully will have it complete by Monday so that they can be included in the agenda packets. If needed I would email finalized/signed copies out to supervisors on Tuesday and bring printed sets.*
Based on work completed to about a week ago and there be still some more work that could be included in the next pay request.
- Jayson is to look at Wendigo Park Circle and look at what the rain has done to the road on the north side, on the very first part of the circle.
- Lake View trail- no culvert to drain the ditch, and washed out the road, we need to have clarification on if we can do a culvert.
- Culvert on Woodtick- tricky culvert to replace and no cost savings to push it on the project now, the expense part is the construction. The board is concerned about the integrity of the culvert, truck traffic, and to make sure the road is safe. We want to make sure that it needs to be replaced we do it right away. We need to make sure the integrity of the road is intact. Will look for an update at the next meeting in August.
- S.E.H says the culvert is safe to drive on and Jayson will make sure that someone from his office will look at it, relay the information to the supervisors, and get back to us when he has had a chance to look at it.
- Schmidt Road- Mr. Lou Thompson lives on the road and brought the metal he picked up on the road. Metal was found in the subbase of the road and he has lost two tires due to this. Mr. Thompson indicated that the company who put down the class 5 brought a magnet to pick up the wire, and the contractor they used, we need to go back in the records to see who it was and talk to the contractor to see what we can do. Advise to take back to the homeowner, metal detector to see if there is a hot spot, and would like to see if his tires to be paid for. It could have been anything like a can of nails got dumped over could be resident doing it and, Supervisor Ives will talk a look to see who the contractor was.
- Mrs., Jess called to let the board know that she is happy as happy as happy that their road was done. She lives on Sunny Beach Road.
- Letters have been sent out to Isle view road to let them know when their road will be done.

5. Recreation

- Hale lake access- a letter to county to have it assessed- letter to county to have a Hearing to get every residents opinion. Motion by Supervisor Kortkaas to send letter to the county and seconded by Supervisor Ives motioned carried- Need to get a list of residents on Hale Lake.
- Crystal Park vandalized- cut a hole in one tennis nets, cost \$344 to replace the net, not an accident as it was a perfect square, another toilet vandalized out at Crystal Park, maybe time for a camera will call Sherriff Vic William to see if we can get another patrol or two to have them drive by a couple of more times.

6. Town Hall Report

- Review town hall report as prepared by town hall caretaker, dated 7/13/16- doesn't need to put on there "about" and "I think"

7. Maintenance Report: 6/1/16-6/31/16- nice job on condensing the report, storm cleanup and electrical has

The township needs to have verbal permission to move tree that came down in the storm and in parking lot next Mishawaka landing hand tiller has damage issues, we use this to prepare the volley ball courts and playground area to till up the areas, Motion to purchase a new tiller by Supervisor Ives, seconded by Supervisor Kortekaas motioned passed by all

Lighting in town hall needs to be looked at, need to have light fixtures looked at, bids to change all town hall light to LED, maintenance crew could do them at about \$100 a light that is changing with kit, there may be other problems, and have second opinion from an electrician. Supervisor Haubrich will get a quote from Pokegama Electric.

The maintenance crew had to put up another "no swimming" sign at the Casper landing.

8. Old Business

- Maintenance workers cabinet- ordered

9. New Business

- Server update and software we are looking at doing the email first and going from there.
- Changing locks on all buildings-Policy to have key policy can work on and motion to have things rekeyed made by Supervisor Ives seconded by Supervisor Kortekaas, option to go to a key pad instead of keys, not quite that simple to get an electronic lock, motioned passed to have the locks re-keyed. Clerk Alleman will call and have Paul Haddix get the keys done.
- "towers" at end of the handicapped ramp at the town hall- has been assured they will be done, by the next meeting but we have an election going on at the town hall on Tuesday August 9.
- Specific Job descriptions for the following: Work session for August 25 at 7 pm at the Town Hall to go over the following positions.
 - Wed inspector
 - Collaborative Opportunities Team or similar
 - Trails task force
 - Maintenance crew leader
 - Safety Representative
 - Human Resources/Personal Representative
 - Cable Commission Representative
 - County zoning & Environmental services Rep to attend meetings
 - Northwest Gas Joint Powers Board
 - Firewise
- Question on if Ken should be paid for supervising the employees? Here is the response we received from Kent a MAT Attorney: *A supervisor can be paid for work outside of a board meeting, but the pay needs to be pre-set by the board and guidelines should be established to distinguish "duties of the office" and actual employment or independent contractor work. If the supervisor in question has taken it upon himself to "supervise" the road crew, he would not be compensated as he was not authorized to do the work. If he were to be authorized by the other supervisors to do periodic inspections, etc. then he could be compensated for the extra time. The rate of pay would need to be set by the board and a claims form submitted for payment. In the situation at hand, if the effort is just a periodic type check for board reports, that would be ok. If he were to be assigned times, duties, etc. The effort begins to look like a job and then conflict of interest rules would need to be applied. Please let me know if you have specific follow up questions*
Kent
- Clerk to have more hours and to have more full time hours, and out in work session on August 1

10. Public Input

11. Upcoming meetings/events

- Mon, Aug. 8 Itasca County Township Association Meeting..... 7:00 PM Blandin Foundation
- Tues. Aug 9 Primary Election.....7 am-8 pm Harris Town Hall
- Wed. Aug. 10 Regular Meeting..... 7:30 pm Harris Town Hall
- Wed. Aug. 24 Planning & Development Meeting..... 7:30pm Harris Town Hall

12 Adjourn Motion to adjourn by Supervisor Ives seconded by Dennis motion passed 9:19 pm



Tina Kano
Jennifer Allen
Kellen Lindgren

Marly Jo Garmaker
10 new posts

Jordan Olson
1 new post

Christina S. Hume
1 new post



Timothy Anderson
1 new post

Erin Hindsdale Spabard
1 new post

Carly Anderson
1 new post

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this is perfect.

Like · Reply · 1 · July 14 at 10:22pm

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Rachel Jo Mishow Bledsoe What's this?

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Cyndy Martin Harris really, really messed up at the cemetery.

Like · Reply · 1 · July 14 at 10:23pm

Rachel Jo Mishow Bledsoe Oh, not sure what's going on.

Like · Reply · July 14 at 10:26pm

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Cyndy Martin 3 of the Board members covered up an unusable grave site in Angie's family. They even allowed her Father to be buried, knowing his wife of 50 years would not be able to be placed next to him. Criminal is exactly correct.

Like · Reply · 1 · July 14 at 10:39pm

Rachel Jo Mishow Bledsoe Wow, that is heartless.

Like · Reply · 3 · July 14 at 10:41pm

Judy Myers This has been very senseless and heartbreaking. I am grateful we have two of these people off the board and wait for the final person to hang it up. One thing we all must be aware of is that your local government has a lot of power. We must get peop... [See More](#)

Like · Reply · 4 · July 14 at 10:53pm

Cyndy Martin It is essential that we have trust in our governing bodies. Trust with the final person is completely missing. There was compassion and sincere apologies from part of the Board.

Like · Reply · 1 · July 14 at 10:59pm · Edited

Janel Stumo So sorry for all your sorrow Judy, and your family...I know this has been heartbreaking for you all..Now you have to go through All the emotional pain again...God Bless you and your family. We Pray for peace for all of you .

Like · Reply · 3 · July 15 at 2:24pm

Sharon Cemensky I'm sorry for this , I had no idea it was happening! God well be at your side always!

Like · Reply · 1 · Yesterday at 12:34pm

Angie Olson Sharon Cemensky, thank you. We too are so surprised by all of this and how individuals could knowingly inflict this type of pain and cruelty.

Like · Reply · 1 · Yesterday at 12:56pm

Sharon Cemensky replied · 1 Reply

Chris Quaal Vinson I am so sorry this happened to you and your family, Angie. I have no words, so am sending a big hug. I can't imagine how painful this must have been.

Like · Reply · 1 · Yesterday at 2:30pm

Write a comment...

POSTS YOU HAVEN'T SEEN

Stephanie Holmes Pierzina shared [Pallets & Paint's event](#) — with Angie Olson and 3 others.

3 hrs ·



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Angie Olson updated her cover photo.
July 12 at 10:14am ·

DO THE RIGHT THING,
EVEN WHEN NO ONE
IS LOOKING.
IT'S CALLED INTEGRITY.

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7-26-16

To The Judy Myers family
and the "Supervisor To Harris
Town Ship."

In this email of Angie (Lison's)

Her comment on the Miss Kap.
on the grave that is encroaching
in her mothers Judy Myers site.

The young man is Tracy Carsted
He died Jan "1978".

"Not any of the Supervisor worked
for Harris at that time.

I was shocked when I seen
the July 14 - Harris town meeting
that was on their web site.

Angie said that we are so
surprised to see how individuals
could knowingly inflict this
type of pain and cruelty.

and Cindy Martin said
3 of the Board members covered
up an unusable grave site
Burl Ives, Jim Kelly, Dennis Kortkous
Gary Rosato. Even let Angies father be buried

knowing his wife of 50 years
would not be able to be placed next
to him!

That is not all true -
If Burl Ives - Kenneth Hawbrick
did there job correctly -

Not: The Meyers family lot would
not have to be changed in any
way.

When the Maintenance Men told
them - about this matter before
Mr. Myers was placed to rest

in Meckell's Email that Angus read
they were waiting from one of
the Supervisors to call and tell
them that they needed to dig
a new place for the Meyers burial
site not one call or answer was
there call.

The funeral home told the Maintenance
Men before that to tell the supervisors
they needed to get a hold of both families
Carroll and Meyers. That trace Carroll
could be moved to his family plot

But his Volt was probably fiberglass. So it would fall apart for case in!

So the Harris Townships would have to replace it the price was around \$1,650.00 for a cement Volt.

But Rex Myers was cement not a problem to move.

So it looked like to me that the family's talked it over with Kenneth Naubrick and Bert Tve and the Myers made the choice to move there for good unless they never got a hold of the Carlsberg family!

If they move the Carlsberg young man/witch is out to go into Judy Myers lot.

Rex Myers would not need to be moved and Judy's lot would be fine.

Hopefully they told the family of Tracy Carlsberg. He has been there for many years since 1978."

It is sad that both of the families have to go through this.

But also the 'Maintenance Men':

as Angie Olson has so kindly put it on her Email message

"Do The **Right** Thing
Even When No One
is looking.
It's Called Integrity."

To the board of supervisors of the town of Harris, in the county of Itasca, and state of Minnesota:

I hereby resign the office of supervisor in and for said town, for the following reasons, Team work and Heath, I no longer feel as a supervisor my position is a valued one, there is so much deception and negativity at the meetings and I no longer feel that my knowledge or skills would be appreciated by the Board. I have worked hard for the Harris residents for 30 years and I wish to thank the residents who have supported me and continue supporting me. This is starting to have an effect on my health and it is time to move on. My resignation will be effective on this day March 15, 2015 at 3 P.M.

Camp Mishawaka

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Steve Purdum

July 26, 2016

Harris Township Board of Supervisors
20876 Wendigo Park Rd
Grand Rapids, MN 55744

Dear Board of Supervisors:

I had hoped to attend the July 27th session in person and speak in support of reconsideration of the part of the Comprehensive Plan that addresses future development of the US Hwy 169 corridor that runs through Harris Township, but I am not able to attend. Please let this serve instead.

As the owner of New Camps, Inc, and Gumberoo LLC, I have approximately 1400 front feet along this corridor in two parcels.

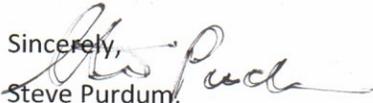
I understand the desire to keep future development of this Hwy frontage in line with the larger goals of the township, but as the corridor has changed in the last few years I believe that it would be worthwhile to consider this area as "ripe" for current or future commercial development. Currently there are several parcels that are used for commercial or quasi-commercial applications and as the opportunities for future growth present themselves I believe it would be in the long-term interest of the Township to provide for sustainable, organized commercial growth, as opposed to what might amount to "spot zoning."

As the owner of these two parcels I receive numerous telephone calls each year. None of them are for residential development, and the inquiries range from storage buildings (commercial), auto repair/sales shops, office buildings and/or retail space.

I realize that there are many factors to consider in moving forward, not the least of which is that the residents of Harris Township spoke through their work on the Comprehensive Plan, but as we move forward I believe that it would be in the interest of all to recognize that the future of this area lies in the orderly commercial development of the western frontage of the 169 corridor.

Thank you for your consideration of the above and I am happy to discuss any of this, either to the board as a whole, or individual Supervisors should you like.

Sincerely,


Steve Purdum,

New Camps, Inc

Gumberoo, LLC.