

CITY MANAGER REPORT

TO: Mayor Pat Humphrey & Clare City Commission
FROM: Jeremy Howard, City Manager
DATE: August 1, 2024
RE: City Manager's Report

For the Agenda of August 5, 2024

Lake Shamrock Dredging and Dam Project. Dredging is continuing progress with good progress. Our mechanical dredge has been undergoing some repairs from normal wear and tear on the equipment but should be back up and running hopefully the first full week in August to continue working to the north of the beach at Shamrock Park. Savin is operating both dredges 24 hours a day, 5 days (M-F), but has also experienced some intermittent mechanical issues that have been resolved. Hydraulic work has started on the North side of Barnes Island as well as some work to the Southwest of Barnes Island. Side note: One of the dredges had an interesting find the other night. An old metal canoe long forgotten and sunken in the lake off the shore of Barnes Island actually got caught up in the suction head. The crews were able to bring it up and get it to shore. I have attached a picture to this report. Maybe someone remembers losing a canoe in that area a few decades ago. The city along with our dam engineers, GEI and Spicer, are still waiting on the grant agreement from the State for the \$600,000 High Hazard Dam Grant that the City was awarded. When I checked with them recently, they said it is still moving through the states management team for review and approval but it can take quite some time.

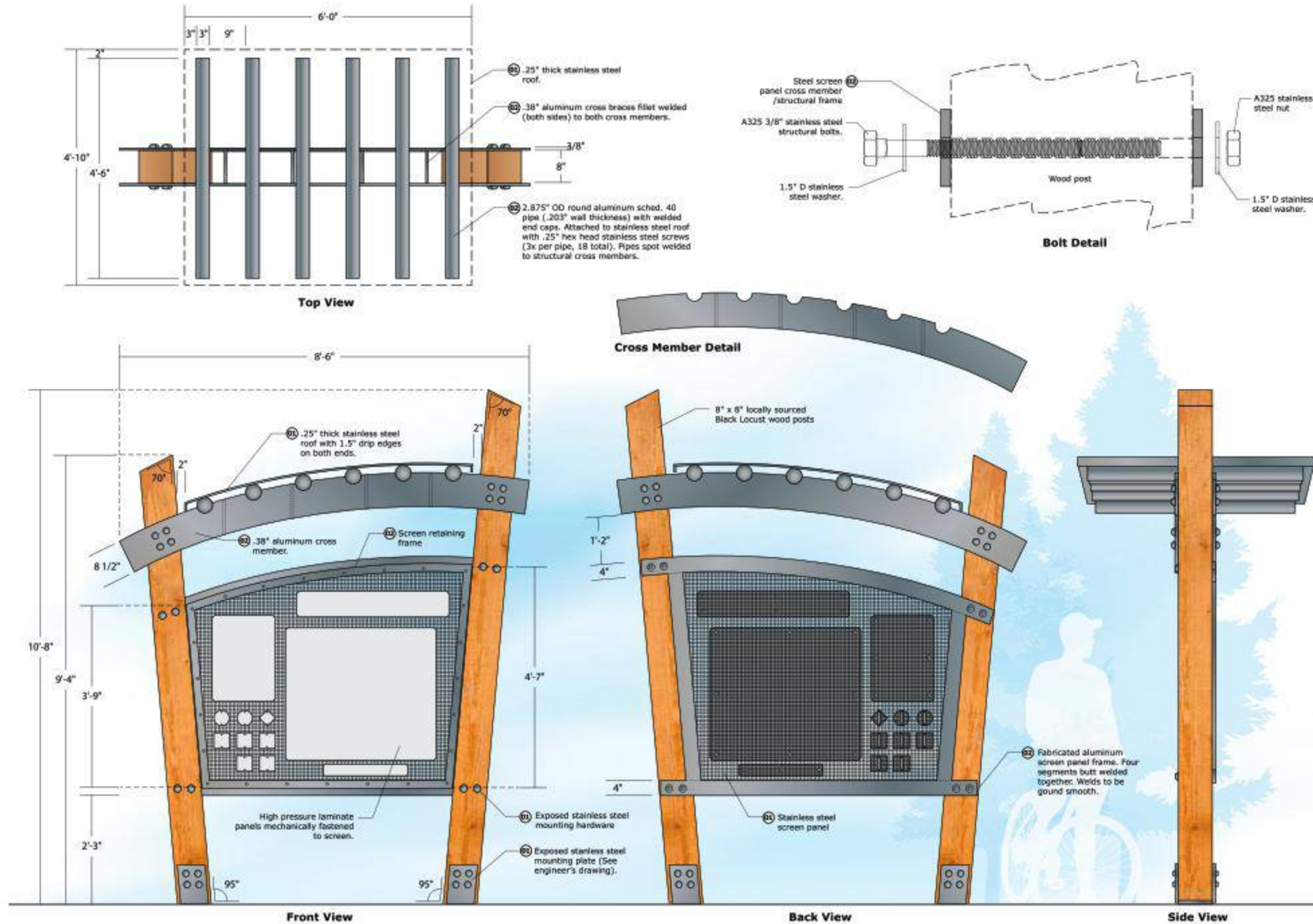
Rail Trail. The project is continuing to move forward and appears to be on schedule still to finish late summer or early fall. The contractor has finished the new parking area at the depot including painting the lines. The new trail head sign has arrived as well and we are working at getting the footings poured for the placement of that sign at the depot as well. I have attached some pictures of the design and type of trail head sign that will be placed at the depot. Work is continuing on the trestle bridge and once that is done that section will get a base layer of asphalt and the entire trail will get the final topcoat of asphalt.

MDOT Road Work. As I mentioned a couple months ago, Brian Atkinson, Operations Manager for MDOT, recently reached out to the city to let us know that due to the light winter, they had winter savings in maintenance for our Region. As a result, they have added a 1.5" cold mill and 1.5" resurfacing project in the City of Clare. The project will be on McEwan/South Clare Avenue from State Street northerly to north of the Speedway gas station (north of US-127), approximately 1.72 miles in length. Work is scheduled to begin August 5th with the milling, paving, and painting scheduled to be completed by the end of that week and then any structures that need to be adjusted will be the next week with the whole project being completed by August 16th barring any weather delays. You can see additional information in the attached MDOT press release.

Attachments:

1. Dredging Picture.
2. Rail Trail Sign Pictures.
3. MDOT Press Release.





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Large Kiosk with Roof
DNR

Details: Details Below
Quantity: 2

INVOICE: 84113

Project Manager: Andrew

Designer: Breanne



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NEWS - US-127 resurfacing work in Clare County starts Aug. 5

Michigan DOT sent this bulletin at 08/01/2024 01:29 PM EDT

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

August 1, 2024

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US-127 resurfacing work in Clare County starts Aug. 5

MT. PLEASANT, Mich. - The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) will invest \$783,000 to resurface US-127 Business Route (BR) from State Street to north of Colonville Road at Clare in Clare County. Work will include cold milling, asphalt overlay, structure adjustments, and pavement markings.

County:

Clare

Highway:

US-127 BR

Closest city:

Clare

Start date:

Monday, Aug. 5, 2024

Estimated end date:

Friday, Aug. 16, 2024

Traffic restrictions:

Traffic will be maintained with lane closures and traffic shifts, with traffic regulators at the northern end of the work zone. This work is weather dependent.

Job numbers:

Based on economic modeling, this \$783,000 investment is expected to directly and indirectly support nine jobs.

Safety benefit:

This work will improve the driving surface and extend the service life of the roadway.

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Work zones are temporary,

Bad decisions behind the wheel can last forever.



John C Mackle
Welcome Center

E Colonville Rd

E Elm Rd

E Rock Rd

S Grant Ave

S. Clare Ave

S. Eberhart Ave

S. Cornwall Ave

E Colonville Rd

US Highway 27

Oakland Dr

Tobacco River

Pettit Park

Clare Municipal
Airport

Washington Rd

E Ludington Dr

Main St

S Grant Ave

Brookwood Dr

Orchard Ave

Schoolcrest Ave

Ann Arbor Trl

John R St

Witbeck Dr

Witbeck Dr

Arlene St

W State St

W 7th St

W 5th St

Pioneer Pkwy

Clare

E 4th St

E 5th St

US Highway 10

US Highway 27

US Highway 10

Pere Marquette Rd

Clarabella Rd

Dunlop Rd

Clarabella Rd

Industrial Dr

N Crawford Rd

N Isabella Rd

Summerton Rd