

JOINT GOVERNMENTAL ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION
Wednesday, April 16, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 12:00 p.m. in the Escanaba City Council Chambers, Room C101, 410 Ludington Street, Escanaba, Michigan, Delta County.

Present: Congressman Dan Benishek, Delta County Emergency Management Coordinator Robert Berbohm, Pat Coleman from UPEA, Escanaba City Mayor Marc D. Tall, Escanaba City Manager James V. O'Toole, Escanaba City Clerk Robert S. Richards, Escanaba Public Works Superintendent /City Engineer Bill Farrell, Jeff Lampi Escanaba Water/Wastewater Superintendent, Tom Penegor Escanaba Recreation Director, Escanaba Recreation Board Members Karen Moore, Randy Kleiman, Todd Maki, and Jon Harris, Gladstone Mayor Joe Maki, Gladstone City Manager Darla Falcon, Gladstone Recreation Director Nicole Sanderson, Caroline Kennedy of the Michigan Municipal League, Delta County Clerk Nancy Kolich, Local Office Representative Tracy Jahnke, Ford River Township Supervisor Rachael Fontaine, Bark River Township Supervisor Gregg Johnson, Christine Groleau of Nahma Township, Ray Young of Garden Township, Judy Trudell of Maple Ridge Township, Janet Daasch of Garden Township, Mike Snyder of Public Health, Peter VanSteen and Rhianna Huller from CUPPAD, Dennis Maufort of Brampton Township, Liz Reed from Senator Levin's Office, and members of the public and media.

Escanaba City Manager Jim O'Toole called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.

NEW BUSINESS

Update – Winter Freeze State of Emergency-Delta County.

Delta County Emergency Management Coordinator Robert Berbohm gave an update on the recently declared State of Emergency for the winter freeze-ups. Mr. Berbohm reviewed the following:

- Upper Peninsula - \$6.2 million in freezing damages;
- Critical for municipalities to continue updating their data and documentation;
- Ice Jams with 16 residents involved, and updated various water levels in UP Rivers;
- County Roads were starting to heave and buckle.

Question and Answer Period - Congressman Dan Benishek.

- His office was ready to help with Upper Peninsula freeze-ups, but not until Governor declares a State of Emergency in the perspective counties;
- Briefly discussed the viability of local hospitals and their reimbursements;
- Discussed the rise of health insurance premiums in the Affordable Care Act.

Discussion – Non-Motorized Trail From Gladstone to P.5 Road (by the Terrace).

Mr. Pat Coleman from UPEA provided an update on the non-motorized trail from Gladstone to P.5 Road.

- Walkability was a major emphasis of the project;
- Trail System would consist of 2.25 miles of trail length, and was composed of bituminous surface and guardrail, was adjacent to the lake, extra wide width for two way traffic, and included several viewing/fishing platforms;

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- Total project cost was estimated at \$1,800,000 with a proposed Fall 2016 completion date;
- Reviewing costs, Gladstone City Manager Darla Falcon advised \$10,000 received from the Hannahville Community was used for a feasibility study. Preliminary meetings were held with stakeholders which would contribute \$1,450,000 towards the project, leaving a local match of \$350,000 which could be sought through a millage proposal;
- Lakeshore Bike Path Committee members reviewed various alternate routes for a complete trail from Gladstone, to Wells Township and into Escanaba.

Discussion – Items of Mutual Interest and Concern.

Those in attendance provided Items of Mutual Interest and Concern in their municipalities.

Committee Member Announcements and Updates.

Next scheduled meeting was May 14, 2014.

Hearing no further public comment, the meeting was adjourned at 12:59 p.m.

Robert S. Richards, Escanaba City Clerk, Recording Secretary