GRAND OPENING OF MULTI-USE PATHWAY AT OJIBWAY ISLAND

September 11, 2019 SAGINAW, MI – The City of Saginaw Department of Public Services will host a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the new Multi-Use Pathway at Ojibway Island on Monday, September 16, 2019, at 11:00 am.

In July 2017, the City received a grant from the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund. The grant-funded park improvements at Ojibway including replacing decking and other items on the pathway bridge on the north end of the island, a new multi-use pathway along the river and upgrades to the public restroom building. In addition to the grant award of $245,000, funding to rehabilitate the existing trail and other improvements on the island was provided through a partnership between the City and Saginaw County Parks and Recreation. The cost of the work totaled $600,000 and was completed in June 2019. The enhancements are part of the City’s continual efforts to expand parks and recreation opportunities and to provide an environment that will enhance the community’s experience and access to recreation and outdoor entertainment.
Phil Karwat, Director of Public Services commented, “We realize that Ojibway is a focal point for our city and we want everyone who visits this area to see the beauty of this unique island park. There are so many wonderful and exciting events that take place on Ojibway Island and along our Riverfront. The new pathways and bridge, as well as the restroom improvements, make this the destination spot in Saginaw for outdoor recreation and family events.”

The new and improved Ojibway Island provides an entertaining recreational experience in the heart of the City in a safe and accessible environment for people of all ages and abilities. The new multi-use pathway on Ojibway is also part of the Iron Belle Trail, a statewide trail that will span from Detroit up to Ironwood, Michigan. Ojibway Island is also host to many annual events such as the Fourth of July Fireworks, and several outdoor music festivals. Ojibway Island is located on Ezra Rust Drive next to the Japanese Tea House, Saginaw Children’s Zoo, and the Andersen Enrichment Center.

To reserve Ojibway Island for your private celebration, please contact Heather Howe, Public Services Specialist at 989-759-1662.

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