

PRESS RELEASE

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CITY OF ISHPEMING ANNOUNCES DATE FOR FOLLOW UP VISIONING SESSION ON LAKE BANCROFT AREA DEVELOPMENT PLANS

Ishpeming, MI – The City of Ishpeming’s Lake Bancroft Area Development Committee (LBADC) held a visioning session with a team from the MSU Sustainable Built Environment in May 2016 to gain input from community members on future development plans in the area around Lake Bancroft in Ishpeming. More than 40 community members came out to provide ideas and possible ways to reuse the new green space.

The follow up to that meeting will take place on Wednesday, August 31, 7 pm at the Phelps Square, 700 North Third Street, Ishpeming. This follow up session will be an opportunity to review drawings from MSU faculty and students based upon the initial May session. Community members are again invited and encouraged to come out and review the drawings and plans and provide feedback.

The City of Ishpeming, along with the Ishpeming DDA, the Iron Ore Heritage Recreation Authority, the Cliffs Shaft Mine Museum, and others are looking at future development options on City land in the Lake Bancroft area. The Cliffs Shaft Mine Museum campus and other privately owned property in the area may also be included if they owners agree.

“We want to gain insight into what the community feels should happen in this area. It’s an important and historic area at the entrance into downtown Ishpeming. It is a unique setting with beautiful Lake Bancroft, historic Cliffs Shaft mine, Pilot’s Knob, beautiful residential homes, and green space. We want to look for ways to make good decisions on future land use,” commented City Manager Mark Slown. “The MSU Sustainable Built Environment team and locals working together can provide a well-thought out blueprint for this area. It will be up to the community to find funding sources to make this a dynamic setting.”

Grant monies from the Cliff/Eagle Mine Community Fund have already been awarded to this region to build a pavilion honoring the local mining community.

The community is invited to come out on Wednesday to help review the drawings and provide additional input toward future plans.