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The Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe makes a charitable donation to the village of Shepherd for \$70,000.00 dollars to assist in the continuing work with the “Mid-Michigan Community Pathway” project. Tribal Council approved the donation during their June 23rd, 2014 Council work session. The Village Superintendent, Steve Davidson accepted the funds. Mr. Davidson also chairs the MMCP board and can be reached at (989) 854-0147 for more information on this project.

The “Mid-Michigan Community Pathway” project is helping to connect Gratiot, Isabella, Clare and Clinton Counties by a separated non-motorized pathway; promoting linking community assets, art and culture, healthy living choices and local/regional economics. “Projects such as this give us a chance to connect our communities and what we have to share within each of our home towns. I believe we need more healthy choices in our communities and this pathway will provide access to the best we have to offer”, stated Tribal Council member Chip Neyome.

“Bringing Communities Together” is the theme of this project and its catch line. Connecting in Clare to the existing Pere Marquette Rail-Trail, connections to the Deerfield Road Path; Central Michigan University, Mt. Pleasant Parks and Recreation Trail network. This project will also include the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe Cultural loop and Mid-Michigan Community College. To finish with connections to the Fred Meijer Heartland Trail and Alma/St. Louis River walk Trail System. This will also include the Village of Shepherd’s Triangle Pathway. Future connections to the Clinton-Ionia-Shiawassee River Trail are planned.

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