

Veterans Park Pavilion nears completion with copper roofs installed on cupolas

Despite COVID-19 and City Hall being closed, Boyne City continues to make progress. While lots of people have been saying recently, “Doesn’t that just top it all?” construction in Boyne City actually does. Work on the Boyne City Veterans Park Pavilion expansion and conversion into a year-round community facility reached a new high point on Thursday, March 19th, with the installation of cupolas on the Pavilion’s new covered picnic shelters. The Kroondyk Construction crew topped it all by raising and putting finishing touches on twin cupolas.

The cupolas are graced with copper roofs to tie into the copper roof elements on top of the nearby marina lighthouse. Like most of the Pavilion project the cupolas and their roofing were created by local craftsmen. Dan Adkison, who created the lighthouse copper roof back in the 1990’s, was recruited to build the new cupola roofs and their ornamentation. The result, when completed, will be a blending of the best of the design of the nearby lighthouse and the recently constructed City Facilities building.

The next major change for the Pavilion project will be the unwrapping of the rest of the picnic shelters structures, which have been enclosed over the winter months to allow the contractors to set the brickwork, siding and other materials out of the elements. In addition to the picnic shelters, the Pavilion, set for completion in April, will sport new glass overhead doors to enclose the main gathering space, a heating system to keep it warm and usable all year-round, a new commercial kitchen, a new exterior accessible restroom (for a total of five restrooms), new storage areas, a fire suppression system and more.

The work is being financed by local contributions, the Boyne City Farmers Market, the Boyne City Main Street program, the City of Boyne City, a grant from the USDA-RB for kitchen equipment and through a grant of up to \$408,415 from the Michigan Economic Development Corporation.

When completed, the Pavilion will be open for use by the public, and portions of it will be able to be reserved for special events. Starting with the fall 2020 season the Pavilion will also be the winter home of the successful Boyne City Farmers Market Indoor Market.

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