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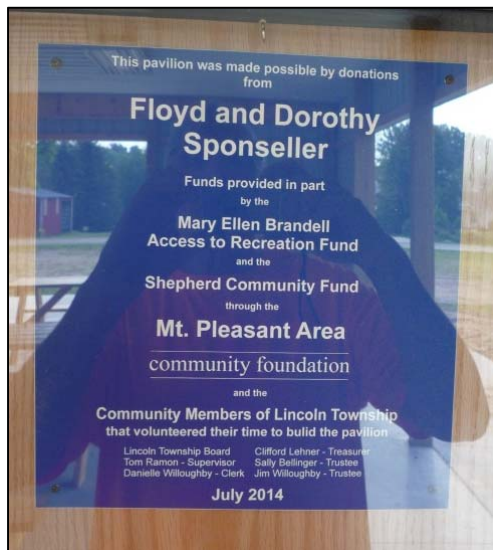
Lincoln Township Pavilion Now Handicap Accessible

The grassy lawn around the Lincoln Township park pavilion has been improved with a handicap-accessible parking area and cement sidewalks. The community activities held here can now be enjoyed by all.

The pavilion itself was built on the township hall property at 8500 S. Crawford Road as a result of a generous donation by Dorothy Sponseller, a township resident.



Access to the pavilion is free for both residents and non-residents of Lincoln Township. While the pavilion is still a relatively new addition to the area, its anticipated uses include various social activities, such as family reunions, graduation open houses, and 4H meetings, in this farming community. The cement sidewalks, building skirts, and parking lot signage will allow all visitors to access the pavilion, regardless of physical ability.



The handicap accessible modifications were funded by the **Mary Ellen Brandell Access to Recreation Fund** and the **Shepherd Community Fund**. Both are endowment funds of the Mt. Pleasant Area Community Foundation. The Mary Ellen Brandell Access to Recreation Fund was established to provide greater access to recreation in all of Isabella County. The Shepherd Community Fund was established to specifically foster the welfare of Shepherd area citizens.