STAMBAUGH TOWNSHIP—During Stambaugh Township's recent board meeting, Supervisor Eugene Pellizzaro reported on the Heritage Trail non-motorized pathway project.
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The non-motorized trail is partially funded by the DNR Trust Fund and the Scenic Byways program. Plans for its development have been delayed for months because of the resignation Lori Hausworth of the Western Upper Peninsula Planning and Development Region, who was a vital part of the project's development.
Pellizzaro reported that he was told engineering proposals will be advertised for the next few weeks, though it may be two months before a firm is chosen. The way things are going, Pellizzaro wondered if the project will begin by summer and be completed by the Dec. 31 deadline. He said he hopes extensions will be granted once the project starts.
The supervisor also updated the board on the Windsor Center. He said the Windsor Recreation Authority has scheduled a meeting with First Step's Jim Beauchamp regarding a business plan.
The supervisor plans to use the assistance of Tyler Wood, Iron Conservation District forester, for recommendations on logging 60 acres of land near Wagner Lake Road.
Wood's services are free to the township, as well as to the public, through a Forestry Assistance Program grant. Residents interested in increasing forest management through the Iron Conservation District may call 875-3765 or visit www.ironcd.org.
The board approved changes recommended by the Planning Commission, which were discussed at the December meeting and public hearing. The changes, which include the addition of all currently undeveloped lakes to the L-2 district, will be published and take effect after 30 days.