

April 2014
Foreman Report

Roads

- During the spring run-off, Kron-Dahlin had about 200 yards of road wash out on the North side. This was patched back together with the 772 and without any additional gravel.
- North Shore Road had two culverts wash out and Casper Road had one culvert wash out twice. This was due to extreme amounts of water with rain and snow melt. The water creeps by the collars and slowly starts to go around the culvert instead of through it, this results in a sink hole/wash out. Both were fixed very quickly and the roads were reopened.
- Several trees fell with the recent wind and rain and were cut off of our roads.
- The TV 145 was used to sweep the streets on April 30, 2014. This was just the beginning of cleaning up from our long winter. The curb pans around town will soon be swept and cleaned.
- 79 (+/- 2) Culverts have been steamed to date.
- All the cracks on the paved roads have been measured. I am waiting for a bid from Fahrner Asphalt Sealers.
- I am hoping for drier weather so we can soon start grading all of our gravel roads.

Parks

- Five-Star electric and Brown Plumbing have been working at BBTP. All of the pedestals are in and should be done by May 9th.
- The picnic tables and fire rings are being moved to their various sites
- The reservation holders for each site are being constructed and look very sharp.
- Joni's Beach picnic tables are being pressure washed and painted
- The crosswalk at BBTP is in the works. I have requested from Five-Star to give me a price on an overhead LED light and push button caution lights. I hope to have this by May 13, 2014.
- I hope to have our Parks Assistant Labor start on May 15, 2014.
- We have ordered various signs for BBTP to help direct people.
- There has not been any suitable applicants for the camp host position at BBTP so far, we are continuing to advertise and will do so until one is found
- Upcoming projects for the parks include and are not limited to: Painting the bathrooms down town, painting the trash cans, painting the picnic tables, filling in the playgrounds with sand and checking for any immediate safety concerns at the playgrounds, building the remote sites at BBTP, finish chipping the trails at BBTP, and finish the bridge accessing the remote campsites.

Equipment

- First off, Adam Hage is doing an outstanding job as our new town mechanic. He has been very busy digging through and sorting out the junk that has accumulated in the shop.
- We are establishing service records and log books for all the trucks and equipment.
- We are sorting through equipment faults to establish what is a priority to fix and what can wait.
- Our truck, Fred, has been filled with scrap steel and will be taken to Chicago Iron when the load limits are lifted.

- Tires for our 1990 pickup truck are needed. I am currently looking for the best deal and will soon purchase.
- The blue Winter Transportation van is going to be modified into a truck/van so that it will be of some use for parks/invasive species crew.
- All of the mowers have had a tune up and are ready for this summer's grass to cut.
- New breaks have been put on the 90, 96 pick-up trucks.

Buildings

- The library experienced some flooding due to a frozen sump pump line. This has been fixed. Also new sump pump in the elevator was added by Ham Ross which will help keep the elevator from flooding.
- The airport terminal building was flooded on April 10th. This was due to warm weather and a lot of snow melting all at once. There was also a snow blockage in the ditch that drains the water away from the building. The ditch was opened up and the water stopped flooding the building immediately. The grading around the building is going to be looked at and fixed to help improve the drainage.

Administrative

- Two invasive species interns have been hired. They will start on June 2, 2014.
- With approval from the board Reva Pallas is going to be hired as our Rec Center Assistant to help with the summer activities.
- With approval from the board Greg Thury is going to be the Parks Assistant Labor.
- Xcel Energy was contacted about two trees that were going to be problematic to the power lines, they responded and cut them down.
- Public easement papers are being drawn up by our town attorney to proceed with the sidewalk down Whitefish St. to Big Bay Road heading southwest to the 90 degree turn heading into town.
- I have spoken with Pete Clark and Fire Chief Rick about the need for a dry fire hydrant somewhere on the north end of the island. There have been a few spots proposed, but nothing done further than that. I feel this should be a high priority for the town to help ensure the safety of our public.

Respectfully submitted,

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