

Foreman Report  
June 2016

Roads

- All five loads of calcium chloride has been delivered and spread. This covers approx. 11 miles of our dirt roads, most of the miles were concentrated on North Shore Rd, to help protect our investment of gravel that was spread on it this year.
- All of the grass on the road shoulders has been cut, William Hagan did an outstanding job of this task and completed our goal of having it done by June 30th. Starting in July, the back slopes of the ditches will begin to be cut as well, with our boom mower.
- All of the gravel roads were recently graded and remain in good shape.
- In the beginning of the month I meet with two DNR officials about the laying of Big Arn's Rd. and connecting it to Miller Farm Rd. The good news is it will not be impossible, the bad news is: it will be expensive and will be a lengthy process. Lisa and I are currently researching delineation, engineering, and surveying costs so that accurate numbers can be presented for next years budget. I've also asked Barb to put together what an assessment would look like, with rough numbers, if the Town Board chooses to adopt Big Arn's Rd and keep it as a dead end road. I hope to discuss this information in one of the meetings in July.

Parks

- The biggest news in the parks department is that we have a new park; located next to the blue building on Main St. It is a fantastic location that will allow residents and visitors to sit and unwind under the beautiful willow trees. We currently have two porta-potties, trash cans, three picnic tables, and a small amount of landscaping. Next year, we hope to build a permanent restroom facility with some flower gardens surrounding it. If you or someone you know would like to donate to this park, please contact me at 715-747-6855. Naming rights are available.
- Approx. 20 yards of ballfield infield mix has been ordered and delivered, most of which the girls' softball team is paying for from their private account, thank you! The hope was to have it spread before July 4<sup>th</sup>, but it looks like we will be delayed until after.
- The benches at the Rec Center, which can convert into tables, were causing issues of collapsing or moving. So, we brought in two rebuilt picnic tables and permanently fixed the benches so they cannot swivel into a table anymore. We now have 7 benches and 6 picnic tables, adequate for most parties and get-togethers.
- The Rec Center playground had several decking and hand rail boards replaced. This should extend the life of the playground a good bit, but we will be looking for funding sources to update the entire area in the coming years. In July, we are going to rebuild the swing area and add a larger support beam.
- We did the final grading and seed planting at our new butterfly and solar garden, located behind the municipal parking lot off of Whitefish St. and Colonel Woods Ave. The official celebration is on July 1, 2016.
- New life ring buoys have been installed, for emergency use only, at two of our beaches. One at Joni's Beach and two locations at BBTP beach, I hope they are never used, but they are there if someone does need help.

- BBTP has been functioning well. Both camp hosts are doing a great job of representing the town and dealing with all the visitors. We often refer to BBTP as “Town of Big Bay”, as logistically, it has just about as much going on as the rest of the town’s operations. This is a tremendous revenue source for the town and we are fortunate to have it. We have been receiving very positive comments on how wonderful the improvements are that we have done and how great the facilities look.

#### Equipment

- Most of the time in the shop this month was spent working on the MRF roll off truck. All went well and the truck is ready, except for one of the main lift cylinders that has been at the repair shop for a month now. It is expected to be ready by July 14<sup>th</sup> at which point we will hopefully pick it up and be hauling trash to Ashland shortly after.
- Nothing major to report with the equipment as everything is running well. Minor fixing of leaky tires, lights not working, sharpening mower blades, greasing, etc. occurred.

#### Buildings

- A new “whole house” water filter was installed at the town hall, we hope this helps with removing the sediment that has been turning the water brown.
- All of the screens for the windows at the Rec. Center have been repaired.
- The long awaited AWOS (Automated Weather Station) project at the airport is set to begin on July 8<sup>th</sup>, weather permitting. This project is hoped to be completed by July 31, 2016.

Respectfully Submitted,

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