

Foreman Report  
March 2015

### Roads

- March provided some warm temperatures that melted the little snow we had very quickly. The steamer was only used on about 10 culverts to help keep the water in the ditches flowing. I feel that the work done last year on North Shore Road, cleaning every culvert end from debris, helped with the limited amount of use the steamer was used.
- The general condition of the dirt roads after the spring runoff is, good. There is the occasional pot hole and soft spot as the frost is leaving the ground. As soon as I feel the frost is out of the ground, the grader will fix these. We had no major issues with washouts or flooding this spring.
- I have been in communication with Xcel energy about their project last fall on Snow Place Lane. A new cable was buried on the west side of the road and they completely ruined the west ditch and one culvert. They have assured me they will be out later in the spring to clean everything up and restore it to original condition. If Xcel chooses to have the town crew fix it an applicable bill will follow.

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### Parks

- About 40 yards of sand was hauled and put in around the Rec. Center playground. We did this on a couple frosty mornings to try and prevent rutting the ground around the playground with our equipment. When we were done we brought in a few loads of top soil and seeded the surrounding surface. As things warm up we may return with more seed to help ensure the grass starts to grow. Also planned for this spring at the Rec. Center, is to paint the fence and playground, this will be done as soon as the weather warms.
- I've reviewed and commented on the long range Park/Rec. Plan and submitted my ideas to the TPC for their review.
- Reservations at BBTP are trickling in, July and August are filling up fast and it looks to be another busy summer. As of now, the end of June is only busy on the weekends, I hope the weather cooperates this year and campers can fill the park in June and September.
- The facilities map on BBTP's website has been updated to include more detail of what we have to offer. This will answer many questions that people keep asking through email and in return help to eliminate the employees time that has to answer all the emails/questions. For 2016, our reservation provider is working on new software to allow pictures of each site. This will allow visitors to take a virtual tour of each site and once again answer many questions that people have. I hope to start this process this summer by documenting pictures of each site in all their glory.

### Equipment

- 54 was outfitted with auto slack adjusters to eliminate the need to manually adjust the breaks. New pads were put on also and the truck is stopping like never before.
- The triaxle trailer had 12 new tires installed, breaks adjusted, and the lights fixed.
- The plows will remain on until the load limits are off, and old man winter goes to sleep for the summer.

### Administration/Misc.

- Our cut edge order was placed through Ashland County as they will make one big order and get the best price possible.
- I traveled to Hayward and attended a pavement and asphalt seminar to help better learn the PASER grading scale that we use to grade our roadways. The PASER reports are due to the state every two years. The following day I attended a Hazmat Class with C. Baxter and T. Pallas. This class is required by the state every year to help educate officials that are in charge of dealing with hazardous materials.
- All but one Ojibwe bilingual sign has been installed. The last one is to be placed at the Chief Buffalo Ceremonial Grounds: Gichi-weshki Manidooke-aki. This will require a post to be dug into the ground, and I'm waiting on Nick Nelson to come back to find out his intentions. The tribe may want participate with this sign being installed as I sure Chief Buffalo would be proud.

Respectfully submitted,

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