

Foreman's Report April 9---May 6, 2011

Work continued on clearing and stumping an area at the County pit for clean fill material. We have all been working on spring and summer project preparations, along with material organization and inventories. The 410 J backhoe was sent back to Nortrax to have the auger and hydraulic thumb installed, which has been completed and the machine is back on the island.

The work is slowly progressing on rec center bathroom repairs and rejuvenation, as we are waiting on the doors, and the re-roofing is half-way complete.

I would like to post for the Parks Assistant/Laborer (PAL) job at the budgeted wage and hours, to be hired at the May 24th meeting to begin work immediately, or soon thereafter.

I am requesting the extension of my remaining 25.5 hours of vacation time into my next cycle that begins on May 15th.

The field work was completed, and the Phase I Archaeological Survey for the Mondamin Trail cul-de-sac should be to us by meeting time, and in the hands of the Tribes, USACOE and DNR by then as well.

I would like to extend a hearty thank you once again to the Bayfield School District, Rick Erickson and the students that participated in the clean up on April 21st. They picked up Big Bay Road from Black Shanty Road out to the Town Park, then the park and came to the town area and got the skatepark, Rice Street and Col. Woods Ave.

In the office I have been ordering materials and setting up jobs for late spring and early summer work, and working on short and long term park plans, with grant applications in mind.

And I spent a considerable amount of time on the Project Application for the AmeriCorps NCCC (National Civilian Community Corps) Program, as mentioned in the last report, and spent just as much time looking for potential housing opportunities. The Madeline Island Wilderness Preserve is to be commended on their substantial monetary commitment of \$20,000 to help in this endeavor, now we just have to see if our application will be accepted. I have inquired as to the status of the application, and as far as that goes, the status of the AmeriCorps Program in general, as I have read that one of the new federal budget drafts calls for the elimination of their funding. At this point, it is a wait and see.

Respectfully Submitted

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