

Foreman's Report July 6 thru August 9, 2013

We finally found some blades for the mower and have been able to get two passes done on all the roads and all the calcium chloride has been applied. We are in the throngs of summer otherwise with most of our work concentrated at the park.

Invasive Species

As I pointed out in the last report I need some help for Ethan and want to request hiring an additional PAL, that would spend most of their time with him, but would be available to help at the park as well. I am also asking to extend Ethan's hours past the 599 hours that were budgeted.

Griggs Approach

The project is complete and looks great, and the DNR was notified as well. Nelson Construction noted on the invoice a recommendation for some more rip rap on the NE corner of the ramp for protection. At first glance that protection seems prudent, but if it is placed will limit access to the ice if it necessary to try and use that corner. Could maybe use a wait and see approach, but would hate to see some big storm come in and do costly damage.

Industrial Zone

While waiting for it to dry a little at the park we got a start on the new industrial park road and got the wetland fill area done, and used up all the MRF's crushed, recycled glass.

Trucks and Equipment

As my July 14th memo stated a decision needs to be made about the future of the JD 450G dozer for the Town, relating to another undercarriage. According to the shop people at Nortrax with proper care, they have seen these machines go over 8000 hours, ours has 4200. This machine needs to get this work done very soon, and I would need to rent a dozer while it is in the shop.

We also have a similar situation with the 1996 Chev pick up, as it needs another transmission, and I think it is time to get pass this truck and upgrade. We need this pickup as a plow truck and it is the only PU with a full size box.

Big Bay Town Park

We have the parking lot area basically done, with some odds and ends to touch up around the comfort station, and have finally moved our operation across the road. We have a good start, but it is proving to be more difficult than anticipated, as the ground is so saturated.

The new road is built as to be drivable up to the wye, where it splits into a one way road, and is the location where it seems bathroom #2 should be located. I have filed a variance request with the DNR to allow toilets and water to be allowed 500 feet from the furthest campsite rather than 400 feet. Once this process gets worked out, Arnie Mackey will begin the foundation work for bathroom #2, along with the footing for the footbridge to access the primitive campsites. I have received a call from Reed McRoberts, with the DNR, and he saw no problem with the request and we should have something in writing next week.

Leo and Robert have cut part of the trail system for this campground addition and will begin working on the various small boardwalks necessary to lead campers to the comfort station and beach after the cutting is through.

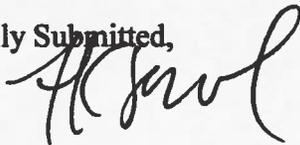
I have met with Mark-Schroeder, lead foreman for White Construction, to get an estimate for direct boring under the road to continue the water line to the new camping area and bathroom #2. This worked out really well, as they will be able to go under the woods between the two campground loop roads and will not have to make a mess of the forest.

The work on bathroom #1 is coming along, albeit kind of slowly, but such is the case with everything this summer.

We have received a letter from the USACOE about receiving the application for the boardwalk along the base of slope along the existing campground, but it advises us it may take awhile for approval due to Traditional Cultural Property status.

We are really going to make a push to get the new campground addition done along with the bridge and primitive campsites this fall, and there is a lot of handwork and boardwalk construction to be done. I am requesting extending the hours of Ethan, Robert and Leo. This changes them from Limited Time/Seasonal, I do not foresee any of them going over 1000 hours, unless we get one of the falls we have in the 2000's, until last year. I also request hiring another PAL: to help Ethan and the park project, with the hours going to invasive species control.

Respectfully Submitted,



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