

Foreman's Report July 23---August 5, 2011

It has only been a couple of weeks since the last report, and the summer routine for the park guys continues, with continued mowing operations for ditches. We repaired a large culvert on South Shore Road and cleaned the ditch up around the two clubhouses. We also repaired some bad spots on Snow Place Road before the calcium chloride application. There is currently ongoing sign repair with replacements, additions, etc.

As discussed at the last meeting, all of the budgeted calcium chloride is applied, and since there were questions as to which roads received treatment, I will list them. All of North Shore, Schoolhouse, Benjamin Boulevard, Snow Place, Voyageur, Sunny Slope, Raymond, Miller Farm and the gravel portions of Old Fort Road and Herring received the application, plus the more heavily travelled portions of Chippewa Trail, Kron-Dahlin, Capser and Equaysayway.

I am spending time preparing for the NCCC (National Civilian Community Corps) arrival, and submitted an article for the Gazette.

Mondamin Trail cul-de-sac

Nelson Construction did not waste anytime, and the cul-de-sac is basically finished. I will be working on setting up the process to adopt this as a Town road, and would like to have it done by the time I have to file the annual Road Certification with the DOT, which will require a name...any ideas?

Griggs Approach

The trip to Wausau paid off, and the Town received \$56,180 in grant dollars. This ended up being rather hectic, as I had to write a letter requesting a variance for our application due to the fact it was pointed out to me that we did not have dock permit. Since I made mention of putting a dock in with the ramp permit application, and we received said permit, had assumed we were good to go with the whole project.

Anyways, I feel I must mention a observation during the Waterways Commission meeting, which may change the indecision discussed by the TB at the last meeting referring to whether or not we were really going to be committed to this project. I think it would be a huge mistake to not go ahead with this project now that we have received money, as it may jeopardize any future grant applications, such as harbor improvements. I got the feeling it is expected an applicant will finish with grant provided work in a timely manner, if we take the time and money to apply and take the time of the Commission to review.

During the Commission's review it was decided to fund more applications than they really had dollars for, and so they reduced everybody's percentage of grant dollars to 42% of total project costs. Given our latest cost projection, this may cut us short a bit, but I hope to apply to the WCMP if there is anyway they would allow us to begin construction first thing after ice out.

Respectfully Submitted

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