

Foreman's Report October 6 thru November 9, 2012

The grader is back and running fine, with necessary road grading done, making all the gravel roads in pretty good shape for winter in case the season ends.

The Winter Transportation Building boiler is also back to a functional status, but we will have to replace floor molding this winter.

We have started to get equipment in order and are attaching plows and sanders for the upcoming snow and ice events (hopefully more snow than ice). We spent a little time mowing brush in the ditches on the County and Town roads and at the airport.

All the seasonal facilities with water have been drained and put away for winter.

I have laid Merrill off for the winter. Dick, Nick and Jeff after today (11-9-12) are laid off as well until we have the materials for the boardwalk at the base of the campground, when I will bring them back to work as weather permitting.

The completed yearly road certification has been sent in to the DOT before the December 15th deadline.

Fahrner has finally done the crack sealing on Main Street, Nebraska Row and small areas on LeSueur Street and Hagen Road.

Big Bay Town Park

Many elements of the planned improvements to be done by the Town crew have been started, but very few have been finished, as we are waiting on the contractor who is now unable to work. The crew has the new entrance and road system ready for gravel. We have installed the water line with Tony Brown Plumbing to the new small toilet site at the west end of the campground, with a stub in place to cross the road. With the assistance of Five Star Electric we removed the existing pedestals at the electric sites in the parking lot and ran a line to the picnic shelter. The fireplace is completed and is beautiful, and the masonry columns are nearly completed as well. The beach boardwalk is finished (for now) and the woodshed is completed except shingles and doors. The trail to the primitive campsites has been cut and awaits stumping, rough-in and leveling.

A request for publishing the Class I notice necessary for acquiring boardwalk #2 building materials has been sent to the Daily Press, and John Griffin has drawn up an elevated boardwalk plan for grant and permitting purposes.

I am currently working on permit applications for the ravine bridge and the boardwalk section that will attach to the lagoon bridge, and intend to file these soon.

The Ashland County Forester, Chris Hoffman, has been contacted requesting input for a grant application I am working on to submit to the Ashland County Forestry and Recreation Committee to help defray ravine bridge costs. The 95% plan from CBE for the bridge has wooden abutments that would need to be dug into the sides of the ravine, which I do not think is a good course to take as the ground disturbance would kill too many nice hemlocks, so have asked John Griffin to help amend the plan for concrete abutments that basically sit on the ground surface.

Respectfully Submitted

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