

Foreman's Report April 21 thru May 4, 2012

As pointed out in the last report, which was only two weeks ago, we have had some safety refresher classes and William and I attended a gravel road maintenance class. We have been working in the pit organizing material for a screening plant that I intend to hire from C&W Trucking, and split with Nelson Construction, for rock and black dirt needed for the our upcoming summer projects. Scott is nearly finished with the temporary park attendant building.

Dick and Merrill are cutting grass, prepping for some bathroom painting, and general organization for the rec center and parks.

I am requesting that Patti Anderson and Kayla DePerry are hired at the budgeted pay and hours for the summer rec program again.

We have just received notice from the Wisconsin Coastal Management Program (WCMP) that we will receive funding for Griggs Approach in the amount of \$53,505. As I have pointed out to the TB and WCMP, I'd of rather received funding for BBTP, especially in lieu of the fact that the dock can't be added at Griggs. But I am, and we all should be, very grateful for any assistance we receive from WCMP.

This coming month is going to be very busy for the crew in terms of the culvert replacements and various bad asphalt spot repairs, as the County wants to have it all paved by Memorial Day.

Big Bay Town Park

CBE is still working on the final plans and bidding documents.

At the consultation meeting with the tribes on May 1st at the Bayfield Inn the tribes reasserted their claim that the island is a Traditional Cultural Property as defined through the National Register of Historic Properties, and I am attaching a letter relating to this that the Town received back in 2006. After discussion relating to the importance of the island to the Anishinabeg people, it appeared that conditions for BBTP project were going to be identified and the meeting concluded, but then the traditional cultural property dialog continued with many other points, and finally the consensus seemed to be we are a long way off from finalization of the tribal consultation process...thus the same for working on our project. The Town was told that the tribes should be asked to the table at the beginning of any projects. I feel the USACOE let the issue at hand become a little diluted at times. I have questioned Jason Berkner about this and their interpretation of the Section 106 laws which brings the Town of La Pointe to their knees through the Tribal Consultation aspect of it all. He has offered himself and his fellow USACOE regulators to meet with the Town Board to explain the Section 106 process and implications. Bottom line however, in my eyes, is we are just going to have to be more mindful of the tribes and their feelings, and bring them to the table for revisions in the Comprehensive Plan and major public and private projects. And another point for the new, soon to be, Tribal Relation Committee can be to insure regular updates to the tribes as to our plans. But then again, our plans have been on our website for anyone who is interested to view, for at least the past couple of years. There should be a comprehensive transcription of this meeting forthcoming from the USACOE soon. This is a very important issue.

With LeeAnn Schaub's diligent assistance, we have submitted two more the grant applications to the DNR Stewardship Program, one for an amendment for what we have already received to cover increased costs for the comfort station, pit toilets and picnic shelter and another for Phase II of the campground that is mostly for

the electric installation in the new campground, but also covers the trails and bridge associated with the walk in campsites, some landscaping and engineering.

We received word that the Duluth/Superior Area Community Fund regretfully denied our grant application.

Bob Melin tested the well for potential water volume in order for us to determine whether or not it is capable of serving the new comfort station, and determined it is not, even after lowering the pump twenty feet. This means we will need to dig a new well, and he is providing me some information in order to spec it out for bidding.

I have submitted the culvert list for the project to the County, and they will be supplying them.

The geotextiles, silt fence and erosion mats for BBTP are going to be purchased and delivered through Volm, the culvert supplier for the Town road culverts, and will be delivered Monday.

Respectfully Submitted

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