

## **Foreman's Report February 11---March 9, 2012**

Needless to say the crew has been very busy with snow removal in the past month, and I would like to commend them all on a job well done. Before all the snow started, the crew had been clearing tree limbs from the ROW's and took whatever trees were left off the ice road.

I will be on vacation from March 23-April 8 and will submit a late, brief (hopefully) report just before the April 10<sup>th</sup> meeting.

### **Big Bay Town Park**

Once again, when not moving snow, nearly all of my time in the past month has been devoted to park plans, grants and reservations.

On or around March 14<sup>th</sup> CBE will be submitting 95% Concept Designs for the park, with the expectation of receiving input back by the 21<sup>st</sup>, with the final document back to us by the 28<sup>th</sup>. At this time the project will be ready to place out on bids, but no construction can take place until the stormwater permit is issued, which will probably be June 1<sup>st</sup> by the earliest. I tried to get them to have it here so it could all be reviewed during a regularly scheduled meeting, but it was not possible. I would respectfully request the TB schedule a special meeting to go through these plans, and this is probably the right move, as I have a few issues revolving around the park plans and work that need TB direction and decisions. It is important to do this as expeditiously as possible as the stormwater permit application needs to go in ASAP, depending on approved designs.

I have obtained a prevailing wage determination from the Department of Workforce Development, as the job will have to be white sheet.

During the course of the WQC comment period, the USACOE has told me that seven different tribes are interested, with a meeting tentatively set up in Bayfield for the last week in March.

So far, so good, with the grant applications, as we have received checks from the Island Association for \$4000.00 to assist with the picnic shelter and \$1000.00 from Xcel Energy for improvements in general. The application to the Duluth Superior Area Community Foundation was submitted by the March 1<sup>st</sup> deadline.

Jane Edwards has just returned from vacation and I will be meeting with her soon hopefully to get the ball rolling with the Otto Bremer Foundation application.

We have received our new grant packet from the DNR for the next cycle, with the application due May 1<sup>st</sup>. I intend to complete the application, but may get into it and require CBE to assist.

And I'll be submitting an application to the La Pointe Center, but kind of gave up on the Wal-Mart idea.

Reservations are picking up, with 64 campsite nights paid for, amounting to over \$3300.

Respectfully Submitted

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