

## **Foreman's Report May 5 thru June 8, 2012**

The majority of the past month was taken up with culvert installations, as you probably have noticed. Like I said last meeting, hopefully they will be paved over by July 4<sup>th</sup>. This is depending on Ashland County's time table, as they are going to supply the asphalt and labor for the patching.

Dick and Merrill are furiously still cutting grass, but more Merrill than Dick, as the reservations are taking more and more of Dick's time as each day passes.

William has been in the grader for the past week preparing for this year's calcium chloride allotment, which should be just about all applied by meeting time.

The roadside mowing has commenced, and will continue for the next two to three weeks.

I tried to alleviate Howard Dallin's concerns, per his suggestion.

### **Big Bay Town Park**

We have moved the temporary park attendant shack out to the park, dug in a temporary electric service and Norvado has moved the phone and internet service out to the shack. The reservations just keep piling up, along with all the questions, date changes and cancellations. A couple of us spent the majority of the last week out at the park making some campsite improvements as well, and now the Kurt Goodermote bunch is seeding, mulching, fixing picnic tables and doing some pruning.

CBE has provided the finished plans, specs and bidding documents and the first Class II bid notice for the project is going to be in Saturday's paper, with bids to be opened at CBE's office in Ashland on July 9<sup>th</sup>. CBE will prepare a table with a list of the bidder's, bids and other pertinent data for the July 10<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Jason Berkner, with the USACOE, just received the transcription notes (minutes) from the May 1<sup>st</sup> consultation meeting and now has to draft a letter to accompany the minutes along with other various documents to send off to the tribes. He will be on vacation next week, so this will not be done until at least the third week of June, and once this is done he foresees a 60 to 90 day turn around before a permit can be issued. This hurts our plans severely, and will make it a real push to have the additional campsites ready and opened by June 2013. It is going to totally alter the summer plans, and we will possibly now do the construction for the beach boardwalk ourselves, rather than bid it out.

I have received some encouraging news regarding our grant applications to the Otto Bremer Foundation and the DNR, but time will tell. Jane Edwards has applied to the Mystic Lake Indian Tribe for more funds as well. I finally, at the last minute submitted the grant application to the La Pointe Center.

Respectfully Submitted

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