

## **Foreman's Report April 6 thru May 10, 2013**

Hard to believe I can use this opening line for the May foreman's report, but snow and winter was the main story with the Town crew in the past month, dealing with snow piles, plowing, winging, scraping ice, thawing culverts, keeping the water flowing where it is designed to flow and the trees out of the roadway. The gravel roads have taken a real beating this winter, especially with this spring plowing, and damage to roads, culverts, driveways, ditches is evident in many places. The equipment has taken a beating as well, and old trucks and plows have showed their wear and periodic breakdowns occurred.

I want to thank Evan and William for their diligence in keeping the roads clear during the past winter, but especially in the past month.

I have called Merrill back to work starting May 6<sup>th</sup> and he is assisting Dick with prepping bathrooms for opening, going through mowers and weed whackers, and general spring cleaning.

Our regular safety class with Advanced Safety was cancelled due to a storm and rescheduled on an inconvenient summer day. We have just completed our yearly MSHA training, which is required for anyone entering a gravel pit (mine) to work. Dick, William and Scott will have to do another day of training to gain the initial new miner training certificate.

I need to request the carry over of my vacation time for a few months, as the snowstorms did not allow me the time off, while trying to work around my residence.

### **Invasive Species**

Bonnie Matuseski has received wonderful news from the DNR, in that the grant she just recently applied for has been awarded for the summer project with Ethan Rossing. We will be working on amending the budget to get TB approval at the May 28<sup>th</sup> meeting.

### **Griggs Approach**

Not much new on this front, but hope work will commence soon before the lake comes up too much more.

### **Big Bay Town Park**

The late spring has really thrown a wrench into all plans for the park, so the crew will proceed as we are able, with more overtime anticipated. The crew is going to be stretched very thin this spring trying to get the roads in order and at the same time getting the park presentable for use. With this in mind I request the hiring of Evan Erickson Jr. as a temporary truck driver.

I have set up a meeting with the contractor, sub contractors and Pete for next Tuesday morning to get a grasp for where we are at and where we need to be.

Unfortunately at this time we have no other applications for the posted jobs other than the Lambuses' for Campground Hosts and Robert Lambus for the POA...and I recommend hiring them.

Respectfully Submitted,

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