

May 2021 Public Works Report

Roads

- Curb clean-up continued early in the month. The Roads and Parks crew did a great job preparing the downtown area for what turned out to be a very busy Memorial Day weekend.
- The Ashland County crew spent a few weeks on H chipping trees and branches in the right-of-way, finishing the crack sealing of the milled culverts, and working on thorough culvert inspections and a new numbering system. Please remember that the numbered reflective posts in the ditches are County property and leave them be.
- Washburn County was contracted by Ashland County for line striping and H was striped before the Holiday weekend, which was very nice to have done. The Town was able to piggyback Hagen Road and Rice Street. The Town crew will work on striping the rest of Main Street, sections of Mondamin Trail, Penny Lane, the Town dock, and downtown curbs, stencils, and crosswalks in mid-June.
- The Roads crew replaced 2 failed culverts this month – one at the end of the Town's side of Kron-Dahlin Lane, and another near the top of Mission Hill, which had collapsed the blacktop.
- Voyager Lane had the shoulder shaped, gravel added, and was graded twice after the follow-up activity by utility crews regarding Xcel Energy's 3-phase installation to the new ESB from Whitefish Street.

Parks

- Big Bay Town Park officially opened for the season on May 10th. Prior to opening day the crew spread some leftover millings in campsites along the old loop, removed additional dead standing trees, and cleaned up as much as possible. The Parks crew did a great job spring cleaning the bathrooms and shower building.
- The Rec Center had new tennis court nets installed, tetherball added to the playground, and we will continue to drag the ballfield when appropriate in an attempt to combat the weeds. The porta-potties were moved to the parking lot behind the tennis courts.

Misc./Admin.

- Public Works is now fully staffed for the summer, with all seasonal positions filled. The island is going to get very busy, very quickly. Please drive safe and be nice.

Respectfully submitted,
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