

## July 2022 Public Works Report

### Roads

- Early July consisted of minor road maintenance as the network was in pretty good shape leading up to the holiday. Pete spent a few days grading gravel roads as needed as the month progressed and traffic (and average rate of speed) increased.
- Like many products, we have been patiently waiting for months on a shipment of brushes for the John Deere 444 loader broom attachment. Hopefully they will arrive the first week of August and we will be able to sweep the bike accommodation lanes, busy corners, and intersections.
- The TV145's disc cutter is awaiting parts, but we plan to mow the shoulders one more time next month.

### Parks

- The July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday took a minor toll on the downtown park system due to inclement weather.
- Two memorial benches were installed at Big Bay Town Park, a final bench at the lagoon outlet overlook, and another near the picnic shelter overlooking the lagoon.
- The Gateway Sculpture at Russell Park had a dedication ceremony at the end of July which was a success. Thanks to the Public Arts Committee for all their efforts.
- The Town completed their obligations regarding the Rec Center remodel, and we are currently waiting on subcontractors. I understand the frustrations of many community members, and have many of my own, but it will be worth the wait once finally completed.

### Misc./Admin

- I will be working on the current budget and presenting some alternatives to the Town Board in August, as we are very over budget in some necessary areas, such as fuel, but also drastically under budget in other areas. Some reprioritizing is in order after thorough review, as we navigate through the busy season.

Drive safely,  
Respectfully submitted,  
Ben Schram  
Public Works Director