

## October 2022 Public Works Report

### Roads/Equipment

- Two additional culverts were replaced on North Shore Road near Island's End, along with considerable ditching on Schoolhouse Road heading south towards the end of County H. Pete, Evan and Dave spent many, many hours in cabs and did a great job. Commence the drainage, way to go Pete!
- Three completely rotted culverts on the north/south stretch of Chippewa Trail were replaced with plastic pipes on 10/19.
- A new cross culvert was added within the flattest area of North Shore Road, south of Benjamin Blvd., along with ditching the south side. This has always been a big problem area during the springtime melt, and we hope these efforts will mitigate the road base saturation and avoid the slushy mess.
- I would like to commend Evan Jr. for all his efforts and time put into the Public Works Dept.'s first large equipment auction through Wisconsin Surplus, which brought in approx. \$19,000. Nice job Evan!
- Dave from the MRF holds this year's 'first snow plowing recognition' on 10/14. A band of snow and cold temps came across the middle of the island and an inch of slippery accumulation stuck to County H within a ¼ mile stretch south of Big Bay Town Park. This was causing vehicles to slide around so we mounted a plow, Dave scraped it off, and the rest burned off later that afternoon.

### Parks

- Thank you to Ciara Wiggins and Evans Mealman for a fantastic season on the parks crew! We were able to accomplish many projects this year and couldn't have done it without them. Thank you to veteran camp hosts Rand and Fern for another great year at BBTP!
- Big Bay Town Park was busier than usual on Applefest weekend and there have been many day visitors throughout the month enjoying the great weather. The Park was winterized on 10/24.

### Misc./Admin

- On 10/7, Evan Jr., Evans, and myself met with reps from the WIDNR and Northwoods Cooperative Weed Management to battle the outbreak of non-native phragmites at the gravel and materials storage area near the airport hangers. Within a day we had applied the recommended amount glyphosate to the entire area to DNR satisfaction. With the guidance of these organizations, we will continue to monitor and treat this incredibly invasive plant until eradication.
- See Marty's report for info on the fruition and state level commendation of a multi-year, interdepartmental TEAM effort at the MRF.

Respectfully submitted,  
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