

Public Works Director's Report

May, 2025

The busy season is upon us! May has been a tough month for us at the Public Works Department. Our one and only Parks employee quit on the 16th leaving Evan, Ray, Matt and myself with all the mowing and trash & bathroom duties in addition to our regular responsibilities. Luckily, we were able to hire Trevor Krueger on May 21st for Parks Position #1, he is doing a great job keeping on top of mowing and trash collection. I have posted for Parks Position's #2 and 3 several times but cannot get anyone to commit to work. I have only graded North shore Road once this month. Lack of rain makes grading difficult due to the extreme hardness of the road surface and is also hard on the equipment blades and creates even more dust. We took delivery of our Magnesium Chloride dust control last month and will be applying it to the gravel roads in mid-to-late June. The Public Works Department hired Scott Grabarek as a seasonal CDL driver on May 27th. He will be assisting in hauling and spreading gravel, applying dust control, culvert installation and hauling ditching spoils in the coming months. Matt is continuing to practice for his upcoming Class A CDL road test when he has time between fixing all of our equipment and assisting with other projects.

Roads

- Graded School and North Shore
- Cleaned up several downed trees on North Shore and County H
- Swept County H, Main Street, Mondamin Trail, Penny Lane and South Shore Rd.
- Curb sweeping and cleanup with Skid steer and pickup broom through downtown and Rice Street
- Painted the two cross walks across from the Town dock

Dock

- Painted traffic lines and arrows

Parks

- Mowing takes place at least once a week at Joni's beach, the Rec Center / Ball field, Pocket Park, south of Café Seiche, and Russel Park next to Grandpa Tony's.
- Landscaping at Joni's Beach. We removed a considerable amount of dirt/sand in the Northwest corner of the parking lot allowing for better drainage towards the sluiceway between Joni's parking lot and St. John's parking lot.

Big Bay Town Park

- Big Bay gets busier every day. Julie Hedges has been doing a great job as camp host #2 navigating the reservation system, cleaning and mowing the 3 days a week she is

there. Camp Host #1 Rand Moore, and Fern, camp host assistant, are also doing a great job as always. There are a couple of days a week that there is no Camp Host at the BBTP, but the facilities are still open and monitored, and WIFI is still available.

- The Town crew dropped 6 large dead Poplar trees on the RV side of the BBTP, and several small trees that would soon be a problem.
- Ray fixed several electrical issues with breakers and light fixtures

Facilities/Miscellaneous

- Ray got all the wells up and running. Got DNR water samples for quality testing and has repaired several toilets and urinals in the public bathrooms.
- Ray set up all the flags and banners downtown
- Reinstalled memorial benches that we move for plowing

Airport

- Swept the tie-down and taxi way with the TV-145 tractor and broom
- Repaired plow damage with topsoil and seed
- Mowed around runway, tie-down area and hangers

Equipment

- Repairing the dump box on our 5-yard truck
- Replacing brushes on the TV-145 tractor broom
- Routine maintenance on both Summer Rec vans including new tires for both
- Routine maintenance to both of our riding lawn mowers
- Repairing our skid-steer. It has several oil leaks in the hydraulic system which are difficult to pinpoint
- Repaired trailer light wiring on our 30-foot equipment trailer

Respectfully submitted by,

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