

Public Works Director Report

June 2025

The Crew was crazy busy this month. Keeping up with mowing, trash and bathroom duties, facility repairs, road repairs and the occasional downed tree has had everyone going nonstop.

Ray and Trevor have been swamped with Parks rentals, facility repairs and maintenance, trash and bathroom duties and mowing. They are the entirety of our Parks Crew this year and have been working overtime to keep up with all their responsibilities. Matt, Evan and I help where and when we can.

We were lucky to hire Scott Grabarek on June 9th. He was hired as a part time commercial driver but has also been assisting with road right of way mowing, culvert replacements and road repair labor.

Matt wrapped up the dump box repair on our 5yard dump truck this month. This truck was purchased from a used truck dealer in Duluth years ago and had been equipped with a salt brine tank and salt spreader. Over the years the salt did number on the steel box and needed substantial repairs.

Throughout the month Scott hauled close to 200 yards of gravel to North Shore Road where I was then able to spread and grade it into the existing gravel and mix it in as best I can.

The Inline Skate Race took place on Saturday the 14th. The crew helped with the preparation by putting cones and barricades in place and sweeping the race route.

The Tennis Court resurfacing project was completed by the end of the month. Tennis West did a great job with the repairs and adding Pickle Ball court lines. A big thanks go out to Ken Myhre and all those who donated to this project.

Our camp hosts continue to do a great job assisting guests at the Big Bay Town Park. Big thanks to Julie, Rand and Fern.

Roads

- Graded North Shore 5 times
- Graded Benjamin Blvd twice
- Graded School House Rd once
- Graded Equasayway Brian's Rd, Big Arn's Road, Old Fort / Capser Rd and Raymond Rd.
- Spread approx. 200 yards of gravel on North Shore Rd.
- Downed tree cleanup on North Shore and Mondamin Trail
- Replaced a 2-foot diameter culvert on Old Fort Road and replaced the asphalt.
- Removed and replaced a small stretch of failed asphalt on Mondamin trail.
- Ditched a small stretch of Mondamin Trail

- Mowed ditches With the Airport tractor on Hagen, Mondamin, Penny Ln, South Shore Rd. We Still have one pass to do on South Shore and Hagen Rd in addition to secondary roads off South Shore.

County H

- Swept corners and intersections clear of gravel with the Towns loader and broom attachment twice
- Swept for the Inline Skate Race in the Airport Tractor and broom attachment
- Cleaned up a few downed trees, still need to clean up a couple more.
- Mowed all of County H ditches with the Airport tractor and mower attachment. We did our best to go around the large patches of Milk Weed.

Parks

- Cleaned up a large part of an Ash tree that broke in half during a windstorm
- Cleaned up a large Willow tree that fell across Wheeler Walkway, trimmed back the hedges and Willow trees.
- The Rec Center, Joni's Beach, Pocket Park next to Café Seiche, and Russel Park are usually mowed once a week if the weather allows.
- Trash collection is a daily occurrence.

Big Bay Town Park

- Fixing showers and bathroom facilities happen quite often
- Fixing minor electrical issues
- Cleaning bathroom facilities
- Mowing common areas and campsites when they are not occupied.

Equipment

- Finished repairs to our 5yard dump truck box
- Repaired leaky hoses on our Skid Steer
- Repaired steering linkage in 98 GMC 2500
- Repaired wiring and replaced batteries in the Parks Golf Cart
- Repaired the Seat adjustment in the Loader
- Repaired leaky brake lines in 98 GMC 2500
- Replaced brushes on the Airport tractor
- Repaired trailer brake wiring and trailer brake controller in the 5yard dump truck

Airport

- Mowed the runway, tie down and taxiway and around hangers three times.

Respectfully Submitted By,

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