

August 21st, 2022

Hello,

Although things have started to slow down for the end of the season the warm weather kept us busy this week.

Park Maintenance

This week when Earl had time he worked on finishing the exterior of the outhouse. Staff also finished painting the interior of the outhouse. Additionally, Earl installed the toilets today and got the water running to them. This week we hope to finish installing the sinks, install the lighting, and finally do some landscaping in the area. After we had the stumps removed from the beach we took the opportunity this week to level the surface with some dirt and then seed the area. Hopefully, with the warm weather and frequent waterings, the grass will become established before the winter. Equipment maintenance also played a prominent role this week as the gator got a flat tire, the tractor was having some issues, and the pull start came off of the pressure washer. Earl was able to fix the pressure washer and we picked up a new tire for the gator, and he plans to look into the tractor further this week. Maintenance also did some work on the compound road this week and added some sand to improve the road surface and fix the erosion that had occurred over the summer. In addition, we have been having some issues with the beach concession R.O pump as the pumps have only been lasting for about a month before they stop working. The old one stopped working last Saturday but we picked up a new one and installed it on Monday. Also on Monday, Earl took the donated bottles to Prince Albert. Maintenance had time this week to apply a new coat of paint to the beach picnic tables as they were peeling and looking weathered.

Concessions & Campground

This week we had some issues with staff absences as several employees called in sick during the week. Over the past week, the park was fairly full with many of the C sites booked. This weekend we were fully booked and it was good to see the campground fully booked for what is probably the last time this season. After this weekend we will be significantly less busy as our bookings on Let's Camp appear to drop off. We received the results of our final water test back this week and all three wells were negative for bacterial contamination and met the standards for Canadian drinking water.

End of Season

I have started planning for the end-of-season staff wind-up/appreciation and have invited all of our staff and board members. Hopefully, the weather cooperates and many of those invited decide to come to the event. This weekend, I also sent out emails to all of our volunteers thanking them for their hard work this season and offering them a meal and ice cream at the beach concession as a token of our appreciation. As we are nearing the completion of many of



our grant projects, I am working on finalizing our grant completion report for SRPA and I hope to have four of the five grant projects done by September 1st. This weekend I also worked on completing the accreditation application which is due to SRPA in a couple of weeks. I need a few more supporting documents and a couple of signatures from board members and then it will be complete as well.

Incidents

Last Sunday at around 11:30 pm I was getting ready for bed when I noticed fireworks outside appearing to come from the boat launch. When I got down to the boat launch I saw two people take off running into the forest towards the C cabins. We also had an issue with the people staying in a cabin. They had pulled an RV onto their lot and when I went to inquire if they had a permit they became angry and later in the evening when they went to the store to pay they got quite angry at the staff member working.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to let me know.

Kind Regards,

Damen Van Meter

