

August 28th, 2022

Hello,

With the end of the season rapidly approaching and many staff members returning to school we worked hard this work to finish some of our ongoing projects this season.

Park Maintenance

On Monday Earl finished the exterior and finished installing the plumbing in the outhouse. With this work complete we could open the outhouse to the public. On Thursday maintenance staff completed landscaping around the outhouse and brought in sand to cover the clay in that area. In addition, we transplanted a tree to prevent people from using the open space for parking, and to reforest the area. The outhouse is nearly complete and only requires the installation of the back screens which will be completed on Monday. On Wednesday, Earl worked on the tractor which was having trouble starting. After some investigation, he found that some connections were corroded and needed to be cleaned, and after completing this work the tractor is starting well again. Wednesday morning, the P campground was empty, which allowed maintenance staff to take down a large dead poplar tree leaning over one of the P sites. That day we also had Treemeister out to look at several dead trees around the park that were identified as hazardous. He plans to come back sometime in September to remove them when the park is less busy. With the tractor repaired Earl was able to do some road work this week to smooth the surface of the road, fill in ruts and holes, and work to improve drainage. There is some road work remaining that will be completed this week. Maintenance had time this week to work on the compound roof. The edge of the roof had become bent from snow build-up over the winter so staff straightened it and braced it to prevent it from happening again. In addition, staff also gave the roof surface a good cleaning to remove years worth of moss and leaf build-up. On Saturday we installed a new bench on the walking trail, it is located near the end of the trail and provides a nice rest point and view of parts of the trail. On Saturday staff also had time to do some edging work along the beach sidewalks and patio as they had become quite grown in over the years and were in need of some attention. Todd phoned me on Friday and brought to my attention that pocket gophers had begun burrowing in several locations on the golf course. He was particularly concerned that there was some burrowing near the artificial green on hole one which he feared would damage the green. He requested that we seek approval from the board to immediately set traps or lay poison to control the gophers.

Concessions & Campground

Sales at the beach this week were surprisingly decent considering the time of year, and it kept staff busy preparing for the end of the season while serving customers. The campground wasn't full this week nor this weekend but there was a surprising number of people who pulled up to the gate wanting to stay for several nights without a reservation. I believe that this unexpected bump is due to the warm temperatures that we had this past week. On Saturday morning when staff started at the beach concession, they noticed that the debit machine was not working. By 1:30 pm I was able to contact Moneris and they informed me the terminal would need to be



replaced, incredibly by 4:00 pm they already had somebody at the park with a new terminal for us.

End of Season

This week from my end I completed the accreditation application and received the required signatures from the board. I have now sent the application to Chelsey for her signature as well as a few remaining documents and then it will be ready for submission to SRPA.

Incidents

This week was pretty uneventful with no major incidents to report. On Saturday evening the thunderstorm and accompanying winds brought down a tree across Harms Way, but by noon on Sunday, the tree was cleared. In addition on Saturday night maintenance staff reported that a car went into the ditch at the edge of the wetland by the park entrance road, but shortly thereafter it was pulled out by some other people that were passing by.

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

Kind Regards,

Damen Van Meter

