

August 7th, 2022

Hello,

Although the weather this week was cool, rainy, and windy staff and myself were kept busy with swim lessons and the cleanup from the August long weekend.

Park Maintenance

This week maintenance was often playing catch up as the weather and the short week limited the work that could be done. Road work took up many hours as after the rain on the weekend the roads were in rough shape. Earl was able to fill in the ruts and holes on most of the roads, however, he wasn't able to do some areas due to the number of vehicles parked on the road. This week we will post notices on the remaining roads asking people to move their vehicles so that road work can be completed. While Earl was doing road work in Birch Bay the blade hit a water line, interestingly no water came out of the line and no one complained they were without water. We also spent considerable time on the golf course catching up on mowing as the weekend rain helped to bring the course back to life. By Saturday afternoon though all the fairways and the roughs were cut and looking good once again. Earl also spent his extra time working on the outhouse and was able to finish sheeting, hanging doors, and putting up the roof. Next week he plans to shingle the roof, finishing the exterior and working on the plumbing for the interior. The doors that came with the building package were wider than the other outhouse doors so the entire outhouse needed to be built several inches wider to accommodate them. However, with this extra space, we are currently looking for some small sinks that can be installed in the outhouse. Having the opportunity to wash your hands will be a great added feature in the outhouse. Staff also undertook maintenance of the public walkways at the B and C cabins and they trimmed back trees and weed whipped the grass that had grown in.

Concessions & Campground

This past week we held swimming lessons again for the first time since 2019. In true swim lessons fashion, the weather didn't always cooperate but everyone seemed to enjoy having lessons back at the lake. It was also beneficial to the sales of the beach concession as it was busier than usual during the week due to the increased number of people on the beach. This was our swim instructors' first time at Emerald Lake and they said they loved the experience and everything about the park except for the weather. This past week's swim lessons were also the last set of Red Cross swim lessons the park will be able to offer as the Red Cross is transitioning away from swim lessons next. Should we wish to hold lessons in the future we will need to register with the Lifesaving Society and transition to their program. The campground was fully booked again this weekend although with the cooler temperatures on Friday we had a couple of no-shows.



Bear Sightings

There have been no bear sightings reported over the past week. Since there have been no bear sightings reported in almost three weeks we have adjusted the garbage collection schedule back to normal and we are picking up camper garbage once daily and cabin and seasonal garbage once weekly. If there is another bear sighting we will return to the increased garbage collection schedule.

Emfest

On Monday we made the draw for the 50/50 and both the winner and the park took home \$476.75! Additionally, on Monday the winners of the silent auction came to pay for their items and this year the silent auction raised over \$2000 for the park. Overall Emfest went well and we have already made some preparations for next year including booking Blaine Lake Liquor and Hardware for our volleyball tournament beer garden.

Incidents

We continue to have issues at the burn pit with individuals who are throwing painted and pressure-treated lumber as well as other building supplies into the burn pile. Over the period when the material was discarded staff did not sign out the key and therefore it is likely they walked the items in over the chain.

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

Kind Regards,

Damen Van Meter

