

September 4th, 2022

Hello,

With the park closing tomorrow, this week we focused on end-of-year tasks and preparing to close. The nice weather this weekend helped to clear out our remaining inventory.

Park Maintenance

This week Earl finished the outhouse by putting the screens in the back and finishing landscaping. With that work done and the outhouse complete, we have finished another one of our grant projects this year. We have received lots of positive feedback about the new outhouse, and I think it would be a good idea to replace the remainder of the decaying outhouses at a rate of one per year. Since we do not need to relocate septic tanks or run new water lines, replacing the other outhouses will be much cheaper than building this one. Maintenance also completed road work this week to fill in the remainder of the bumps and holes in the road, and to improve drainage. Additionally, some extra sand was laid in spots where it gets particularly slick and slippery when it rains. Earl had time this week to give the shop and the storage shed a thorough cleaning as over the past couple of years they had become quite cluttered with unnecessary parts, garbage, and files. Something that will be beneficial to do this fall is to go through the files in the storage shed to determine how long they need to be kept. We currently have financial files going back to the early 2000s. On Tuesday, maintenance staff completed our third and final burn of the season. The burn went well but I think in the next year or two we will need to look at getting the burn pit re-excavated as it is starting to get shallow and filled with ash and dirt again. On Thursday, Earl worked on trimming the path going from the boat launch towards the beach. The board had applied for a WSA permit to conduct this work last fall, and the permit we received is good until September 30th this year. The work is almost complete, and staff will finish it this week. Due to the wind on Thursday several trees came down in the park that maintenance staff promptly cleaned up. During the week, staff also cut the golf course for the final time this season. Thanks to the warm weather the course is still looking good and it was quite busy this weekend. Next week maintenance will work on finishing several end-of-season projects, however, most of the end-of-season tasks we won't be able to complete until after the wedding.

Concessions & Campground

This weekend the campground was only about half full, however, it seemed that there was a large number of cabin owners and seasonal campers that were up. In addition to that, at the front store, we sold a large number of day passes. On Saturday and Sunday at the front and beach stores, we had our annual BOGO sale with the aim of clearing out our inventory. I think this year we did a good job of having the right amount of inventory going into the weekend so that we still had a full offering of products but not so much that we will have a vast quantity of items left over.



End of Season

As the park closes next week the card reader gate will remain functional but the other gates will remain closed to prevent access to anyone without a gate card. After the wedding next weekend, we will power down the card reader, and close the red metal gates. We will also try and pull in the swimming docks and the buoys late on Monday while we still have staff around to help and the weather is nice. Other than that the majority of closing tasks will be postponed until after the wedding.

Incidents

The past week was fairly uneventful and for the most part, no incidents occurred.

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

Kind Regards,

Damen Van Meter

