

July 3rd, 2022

Hello,

Although we had some mixed weather this weekend, it was good to see people coming out and the park full.

Golf Course

Over the past week, we have received lots of positive feedback about the state of the golf course this year. Between the work put in by staff members and the assistance of our volunteers, the course is looking great. I am also glad the golf course committee was able to install the green on hole five this week. Todd mentioned that to install the next two greens, some work must be done by a bobcat or perhaps the tractor. He said some levelling needs to be done on hole three, and on hole eight, the sand green must be dug up so that roots can be removed. I talked to Earl to see what he thought we could do with the tractor, and he thought levelling was doable, but he would need to speak with Todd to find out precisely what he was looking for. If Earl can do the work, that would be ideal as we could do the levelling when it works for Todd, and it would cost less than arranging for someone to do the work with a bobcat.

Park Maintenance

With the frequent periods of rain, road maintenance was another primary focus this week. We ordered some dirty sand that we used in several areas in the park to fill in low spots on the road and improve drainage so that the roads would dry up quicker after raining. One area where we have seen an improvement is the large puddle in front of campsite C13. We added several buckets of sand and did some work to improve the slope so that all the water would run towards the pump. Something that we may need to look at doing in the fall or next spring is improving the drainage system around campsite B13. When it rains, all the water from the nearby hills runs down the middle of that site. This week I also installed the new campsite site markers that we had made. They replaced the old plastic numbers that were in a poor state, were hard to read, and did not indicate whether it was a B, C, or P site. The new markers are made of our old unused signs, which means they were far less expensive as we were able to recycle the material and will be more durable and last longer.

Concessions

Things got well underway this weekend at the front store and the beach concession. New staff members were trained at the beach concession and were able to learn quickly. On Friday, the weather significantly impacted our sales at the beach concession, and the totals were about a quarter of what I would have expected for a holiday. Luckily with the weather improving on Saturday, it was busier at the beach concession again.



Canada Day Weekend

This weekend was busy, and the campsites were fully booked. Although the weather was not always cooperative, we tried our best to continue our planned events. We had a horseshoe tournament on Friday at the recently completed horseshoe pit. Although it was pouring rain for most of the tournament, several teams came out to participate, and everyone had a good time. Friday afternoon, we also had Canada Day kid's crafts which were well attended, and over 30 kids came out to partake. After this weekend, we will begin our regularly scheduled kid's crafts every Sunday afternoon. Unfortunately, we had to postpone our cake and fireworks to Saturday due to the weather. Having those events on Saturday worked out well as it was a beautiful evening, and over 175 people came out for cake and ice cream. Saturday night, the weather was clear so that we could have fireworks. Todd Joyes volunteered to arrange and light the fireworks for us again this year, and he put on another great show. Now that July long weekend is behind us, we will begin to focus on preparations for Emfest.

Swim Lessons

Swim lesson registration opened up on Friday morning. This year we plan to have all registration occur online on our website. This will make it easier for us to predict the number of participants we will have and start to put together a schedule sooner. Over the weekend, we had 18 participants register and registration will remain open until July 31st.

Incidents

Surprisingly over the past week and weekend, no significant incidents occurred. On Thursday, we had an issue in the compound with people parking in other people's assigned spots. However, we were able to resolve that relatively quickly. I also had to talk to a couple of campers in P about being loud and shouting after 11:00 pm, but everyone was relatively well behaved after that. I also received a concern from a seasonal camper in Hazelnut Heights. They told me that their dog got in a fight with a skunk behind their site on Saturday night. They said the dog got sprayed but also killed a baby skunk. This week I will look into this to see if there is a skunk den nearby so that they don't have a run-in with the skunk again.

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

Kind Regards,

Damen Van Meter

