

May 29th, 2022

Hello,

This week flew by as it was a short work week as most of our maintenance staff had Victoria Day off. We also kept busy with grass mowing and tree trimming, as the recent rain and warm temperatures have helped the park green-up.

Grant Projects

Earl spent multiple days this week removing the metal flashing around the base of the rental cabin and installing the new vinyl siding. When he removed the metal, several spots of the wood underneath were rotten and falling apart. He removed and replaced the rotting wood, inspected the foundation, and found it was still in good shape. After installing the skirting, we have now completed the rental cabin upgrades grant project. The rental cabin upgrades were finished in time as next week, the first booking of the season will check in to the cabin.

Water

Over the long weekend, it was reported to us that the exterior tap of cabin B18 did not have water. Maintenance looked at the situation when it was reported, and they found that all the water lines were turned on to that cabin according to the water line map. When there was still no water to that tap, we decided that it must be coming from the disconnected line in poplar cove when the leak was repaired. So on Tuesday, maintenance staff spent the day digging and investigating and eventually ran a new water line to connect B18 and B21 to water. After the new line was installed, water was restored to those cabins.

Day Campsite Sizes

On Thursday, staff were involved with transplanting trees into the campground from other areas of the park where they were growing too close together or too close to roadways. In total, 12 trees were moved, 9 of which went into reforestation campsites and providing privacy, while three were placed near where dead trees had been cut down in the fall. In the coming weeks, I hope to move more trees to enhance privacy and define the boundaries of the campsites.

Park Maintenance

Maintaining the park grounds over the past week has taken up a large portion of our time. Early in the week, Earl provided our other maintenance members training on safely operating the mowers. The hope is that we will be able to have our newer staff members perform much of the grounds and facility maintenance, leaving Earl with more time to focus on the more complex projects that the park hopes to accomplish. Next week weather permitting, maintenance will fertilize the golf course, perform maintenance to the beach picnic areas, and attempt to vacuum the sports court to improve the playing surface and prolong its life.

Septic Services

Septic service continues to be a problem as we are still waiting to have various septic tanks emptied in the park. Luckily, our patrons whose sites are waiting to be pumped have been patient and understanding. However, understandably they are starting to get frustrated with the delay.



Gate Cards

On the Sunday of the long weekend, we discovered that the card reader was not working correctly as it was allowing gate cards that were deactivated to enter the park. I reached out to Prairie Parking, the maker and programmers of the gates, and on Wednesday, they were able to fix the problem by remotely logging in to the manager's computer. After about an hour of work, they discovered a corrupted file, which they deleted and reinstalled with an updated version. Unfortunately, the updated version required that I individually reprogram every gate card so that they would be functional. By Wednesday evening, all gate cards were reprogrammed. With the updated file, we can fully utilize the card reader functions such as customized messages, vehicle counts, and gate card usage tracking.

This weekend was a bit slower, which is expected considering we are still in May, and the weather was a little less than desirable. However, I was able to orientate and train two more of our summer employees and get them ready for the upcoming season.

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

Kind Regards,

Damen Van Meter

