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COORDINATOR'S REPORT

November 2013

ACTIVITIES:

2006 Chevrolet Colorado Pickup Truck

I've taken possession of the former Drain Commission Soil Erosion and Sedimentation pickup truck for park maintenance operations. It's a 4-wheel drive short box truck with very little surface rust. Cost to correct mechanical and tire issues has amounted to about \$1,500 to-date, resulting in an over-expenditure of the Vehicle Maintenance & Repair budget account by \$722. The Commission will end the fiscal year with an overall positive balance. With the new 271.75-acre property opening for public use next spring, the pickup truck will enhance the capacity of summer Park Rangers to adequately maintain both park properties. The original 17-year old maintenance pickup, in use by the Commission since 2007, continues to provide dependable service to the park maintenance effort and will be kept in service.



Additional pickup truck placed in service for use at Motz County Park.

Clinton County RESA

Construction Trades Class students completed insulating the ceiling over the beach house pipe chase. Following the November 5 property closing, the students will return to make improvements to a red barn near the park maintenance garage. The barn will be used to store equipment and supplies, freeing up space in the maintenance garage for equipment preventative maintenance and rainy day projects.

With the insulation in place there is only one more thing that can be done to reduce what has been a high cost of heating the beach house pipe chase through the cold weather months. The door has a screened vent to the outside which Building & Grounds Department employees have tried to seal with little success. To keep cold air from entering the building through the vent, Katren Industries is making an aluminum frame to place around the vent. A one-inch thick insulation foam board will then be slid into the frame in September and out in the spring.

Entrance Gate Modification

After nearly four years of use, the entrance gate's two arms are no longer level to each other in the closed position. This makes it difficult to lock the gate. The gate arms are quite long and heavy, which likely contributed to one or both arms slumping in place. Upon inspection by the gate manufacturer, installation contractor and me, we have not been able to determine why a one-inch difference in arm elevation has developed. To remedy the problem, Katren Industries has installed an adjustable wheel on the bottom of each arm. As the arms are moved from storage to the gate closed position, the wheels contact the roadway surface and self-level. When the gates are open, they rest on a bracket installed on the storage posts. Hereafter, the weight of arms is supported at all times except for a very brief time during opening or closing.



Wheels added to park entrance gate to support the weight of the gate arms and align the two arms for locking.

Fish Stocking

If all goes as planned, on November 5 the 272-acre Searles Company sand/gravel quarry will pass to Clinton County ownership. The property's two lakes with a combined surface area of 102 acres have the potential for providing the public with exceptional fishing opportunities. I've been exchanging periodic e-mails with Dave LaBomascus, Fisheries Manager, Stoney Creek Fisheries & Equipment to keep him informed about the property purchase. Dave has been good to work with. He provided me with a price quote for fish that is now nearly two years old but one that he will continue to honor through 2013. We are somewhat late in the stocking season; however, Dave made sure Stoney Creek would be



Walleye - One of several fish species to be stocked in the 90-acre lake.

able to provide the fish identified in the quote. November 6 has been tentatively schedule for planting the following fish species:

- Walleye (5-8 inch) – 2,700 qty. (Note: Dave indicated that walleye are gorgeous, running bigger than normal. Most are measuring 8-10 inches in length)
- Yellow Perch (3-4 inch) – 2,218 qty.
- Rainbow Trout (6-8 inch) – 600 qty. (Note: Dave recently informed me that he no longer has enough trout in the 6-8 inch length to meet the price quote. He said he would send what he has and make up the difference with larger trout at the same 6-8 inch price.
- Fathead Minnows – 75 gallons (approximately 150,000 minnows) – 90-acre lake.
- Fathead Minnows – 20 gallons (approximately 40,000 minnows) – 12 acre lake.

The stocking cost is \$12,500 which is funded in the 2013 Capital Improvement Budget.

Other Duties Assigned to Parks and Green Space Coordinator

- Community Development Department – General Management
- Clinton County Govt. "Authorized Organization Representative" for Federal Grants