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COORDINATOR'S REPORT

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ACTIVITIES:

Michigan Recreation and Park Association (MRPA) *Outstanding Facility Design Award*

Tim Machowicz and I accepted the Award for the County at the Association's Annual Conference on Tuesday, February 8 at the Grand Traverse Resort. The Award recognized the Universal Design of the Beach House".



On Wednesday, February 9, C2AE representative Rusti Owen and I presented the Motz County Park development project at an hour-long educational session.

ACEC Merit Award

C2AE submitted the Motz County Park project for consideration of an American Council of Engineering Companies Award.

The Council selected the project for an *ACEC Merit Award*.

C2AE graciously invited my wife Kathie and I to attend the ACEC Awards Dinner on Saturday, February 26 held at the Motor City Casino. We are going.



MRPA President Linda Walter (left) presenting the MRPA Outstanding Facility Design Award to Clinton County Parks and Green Space officials Tim Machowicz (center) and Jerry Jaloszynski (right).

Daniel Flaherty Park Excellence Award

On Monday, February 28, Kathie and I and C2AE representative Rusti Owens and his wife Sherri will attend the Great Lakes Park Training Institute awards dinner to accept the *Daniel Flaherty Park Excellence Award* for Clinton County. The Award is for the design of project and for the significant involvement by Clinton County citizens and organizations to bring the project to completion.



National Association of County Park and Recreation Officials (NACPRO)

Removing Barriers Initiative Award

You might be thinking, "With the da Vinci Award and above identified Awards brought home, when will Jerry's appetite for Awards be satisfied?" The answer is soon. The NACPRO Award is the last of the award competitions that I had proposed to seek from the beginning of the development project. A maximum of two NACPRO *Removing Barriers Initiative Awards* will be made nation-wide in 2011 and I want the Award for the County. Award nominating documents will be filed with NACPRO by April 15, 2011.



Tree Planting Project

Requests for Proposals (RFP) were sent to five area tree landscape firms. The RFPs established a payment of \$8,000 for the work. The proposals were judged on the number and species of trees offered, the quality of the landscape plan, source of trees, and several other qualitative factors described in the RFP. Three proposals were received. Following review of the proposals by a local Forester and me, the work was awarded to Plum Line Landscape & Design of St. Johns. The firm will be planting 8 Skyline Locust, 4 Sugar Maple, 5 Autumn Blaze Maple, 4 Robinson Crabapple and 4 Red Oak in the Motz County Park picnic area; a total of 25 trees with a 3" trunk diameter. The proposal includes the trees, planting, planting soil, fertilizing, staking and an 18-month replacement guarantee. The firm will also conduct weekly watering during 2011 growing season. The watering feature, not offered by the other two contractors, will keep Plum Line in frequent contact with the trees during the critical first year after planting. It will also relieve the summer Park Rangers of having to care for the trees.

Pavilion Food Service Counters

Request for Proposals (RFP) were sent to five area welding contractors. Award selection was based on price and a responsible proposal that satisfied all RFP requirements. Two proposals were received: Katren Industries of St. Johns - \$6,354 and IMC of Ithaca - \$3,742. In view of the significant price difference, I personally met with IMC representative Scott Merchant to confirm that the IMC proposal complied with the requirements of the RFP. Mr. Merchant articulated a clear understanding of the RFP and in certain aspects of the design and installation of the countertops, the final product will exceed RFP specifications. IMC was awarded the contract.

Commercial Pesticide Applicators Certification

To apply herbicides for vegetation control in the lake (limited area surrounding the swimming beach), on the shoulders of the entrance drive, in the gravel parking lot and around newly planted trees, I am required to obtain certification with the Michigan Department of Agriculture. This will require passing the commercial core, aquatic and right-of-way exams. I am currently studying for the exams. I will need to move quickly since treatment of aquatic weeds is best completed by early May.

Other Assignments/Activities in Progress

The following re-occurring or proposed tasks are listed for general information:

- Other Motz County Park improvements
 - Fish habitat improvements
 - Tree maintenance program (on-going through 2012)
- Parkland and Open Space Acquisition Guidelines
- Agricultural Preservation Board – staff liaison (10% time allocation)
- Design, construct and install Maple River access site sign
- Community Development Department – General Management
- Clinton County “Authorized Organization Representative” for federal grants
- Assist w/ creation of Clinton County Trail Advisory Council
- Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block program grant management
- *Clinton County Non-Motorized Facilities Plan* – written plan development