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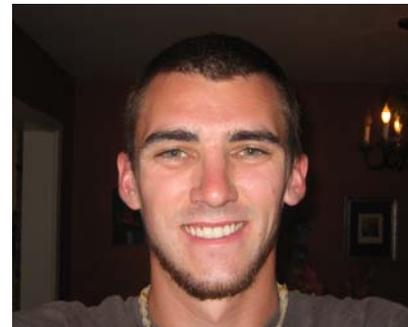
COORDINATOR'S REPORT

May 2011

ACTIVITIES:

MSU Intern – Brian Lammers

Brian Lammers has accepted a 15-week internship assignment as Park Manager of Motz County Park. Brian's internship period will run from May 16 until August 27. The internship is voluntary in nature; however, the Commission will provide Brian with a scholarship in the amount of \$2,500 paid directly to his MSU Financial Aids Office personal account.



**2011 Motz County Park
Manager Brian Lammers**

For his internship project, Brian will assist with a non-motorized transportation / recreation public opinion survey that will be sent to 1,000 randomly selected county registered voters in June.

2011 Summer Park Ranger Staff

As I mentioned in the April Coordinator's Report, 2010 Parks Rangers Dan Nelson and Luc Sutherland will be returning for another summer however, due to schedule conflicts, I need to hire one additional part-time (21 hours/week) Park Ranger to fill out the schedule. The position has been announced on the Clinton County web site and interviews will be held during the first full week of May.

Goose Round-up

A goose round-up will not be conducted this year. The contractor who volunteered his services to Clinton County for the past two years has decided not to renew his capture and transportation permit for 2011. The cost of obtaining a site permit and hiring a paid contractor would exceed \$1,500; an expense that cannot be supported by the 2011 Operational Budget.

Large numbers of geese are not expected to be present during the summer months when the park is receiving a high level of public use. To manage the goose population during the "shoulder" seasons, I will again use scare shells to move the birds on. Additionally, prior to Memorial weekend, the sun beach will be rototilled to eliminate signs of droppings, soften the sand, disrupt weed growth and enhance the sand's hygienic condition.

Tree Planting Project

The first delivery of trees destined for the Motz County Park picnic grounds arrived on Friday, April 22. Pete Motz of Plum Line Landscape and Design indicated that the trees will be planted as soon as the ground dries sufficiently to support the weight of his planting equipment. The trees have a minimum trunk caliper of 3". 26 Trees will be planted including 8 locust, 4 sugar maple, 6 Autumn blaze maple, 4 Robinson crabapple and 4 Red Oak. While functional shade is still a few years off, the project demonstrates that the Commission is listening to public comments about the need for shade.



A delivery of shade trees waits planting in the Motz County Park picnic grounds.

Fishery Improvements

DNR Fisheries Biologists Scott Hanshue provided recommendations on how to enhance fishery habitat in the future 93-acre lake located in the proposed 260-acre park expansion property. Current property owner Leon Searles will allow habitat structures to be placed on the as yet dry lake bottom. While some materials are currently on hand, I still need a supply of concrete, clay and/or plastic drain tile 12" to 18" in diameter and 2.5' to 3.5' long for channel catfish reproduction. Longer tile could be broken to size. Anyone with information about a potential supplier of donated tile is asked to contact Jerry Jaloszynski at (989) 224-5128 or parks@clinton-county.org.

Department of Building and Grounds Support

B&G Director Blaine Stevens and his crew do a terrific job caring for Clinton County's physical plant (numerous buildings spread across five properties). Recently, the department has been working at Motz County Park readying the park for warm season operation. Installing signs and bulletin boards, re-activating and testing the Type II public water supply and providing maintenance attention to the zero-turn riding mower are only a few of the tasks performed on behalf of the Parks and Green Space Commission. The department deserves much of the credit for the many positive public comments made about the park.

Eaton County Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting

The Clinton County Parks and Green Space Commission is hosting the June 1 (6:30 pm) meeting of the Eaton County Parks and Recreation Commission at the Motz County Park pavilion. Clinton County Commissioners who are able to do so are invited to be in attendance. Both Commission's have similar goals and objectives as well as challenges in providing county residents with cost-effective, enjoyable and safe outdoor recreation lands and facilities. This is an opportunity to discuss experiences, opportunities and action plans.

Other Assignments/Activities in Progress

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

- Parkland and open space acquisition evaluation tool
- Agricultural Preservation Board – staff liaison
- 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
- *Clinton County Non-Motorized Facilities Plan* – written plan development