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GSC COORDINATOR'S REPORT

November 2009

ACTIVITIES:

Motz County Park Development

- Picnic Tables – The picnic tables have been temporarily relocated on the grounds of the County Maintenance Facility until spring when they will be moved to the park. Captain Vetter of the Sheriff's Department provided County Jail Inmate labor to move the tables. Building and Grounds Department Director Blaine Stevens and his staff provided supervision for the Inmates and also helped with the physical movement of the tables. A heartfelt "thank you" goes out to all who participated in this effort.

Connie Smith of the Mid-Michigan District Health Department has offered labor and equipment of family members and friends to move the picnic tables from the County Maintenance Facility to Motz County Park next spring. The generosity of county residents who regularly step up to provide their talents, time and personal resources for Commission projects sets Clinton County apart from other counties where I've headed up the parks and recreation function. All counties enjoy the support of their residents; it's just that in Clinton County people offer to help without being asked.

- Phase II (Beach house, pedestrian walkways, utilities, entrance drive, parking lot and preparatory work for group pavilion and shoreline fishing platform, the latter two facilities to be constructed by RESA) – Construction of the beach house foundation and floor slab have been completed. Wall blocks have been ordered and should arrive within two weeks. The contractor still plans to have the building shell up before winter weather sets in. The photographs on the next page show the extent that sand fill had to be brought in to meeting engineering final grades.



Top: Foundation forms are being positioned on top of concrete footings. Once poured the footings/foundation will support the weight of the Beach House's block walls.

Bottom: Shown is the completed foundation with floor slab, the top of which is about 40 inches above the original land grade.



By the time the Green Space Commission meets on November 2, the contractor will have installed the group pavilion's post piers and concrete floor. The pedestrian walkway that fronts on the vehicle parking area will also be completed. The walkway is needed to establish an elevation reference point from which to construct the base for the parking area. All the remaining concrete flatwork and asphalt surfacing of the entrance drive and parking lot will be put off until next spring.

The County Board Building Committee approved contract Bid Alternate #1. The alternate allows for the full asphalt paving of the entrance drive and parking area. The initial contract only allowed for paving of a small portion of the parking area.

Excavation of the parking area is well underway. Mr. Searles was very generous with the black soil used to cover excavated overburden. In places it is two feet deep. The soil is being stripped and stored in an area east of the parking lot for future use. Once the top soil is removed, a sand / gravel base will be installed over the entrance drive and parking area in preparation for spring paving.

- Group Pavilion – I am of the understanding that all questions / issues raised in regards to RESA involvement with the construction of the group pavilion have been satisfactorily resolved. Construction Trades Program students are currently involved with the construction of the Bengal Township Hall. The students will build the group pavilion in the spring of 2010 in time for the Memorial Day weekend opener.
- Shoreline Fishing Platform – The facility will be constructed using the original pier/deck design. C2AE's estimated cost for a seawall type facility was \$120,000; a price judged too expensive for the project's budget. Last spring, I spoke with RESA Instructor Ross Pope about RESA students constructing the superstructure of this facility and at that time he agreed to the project. However, with construction of the group pavilion delayed until the spring, RESA students may not have adequate time to build both facilities. I still need to discuss this with Mr. Pope. If both are not feasible projects, the County Board Building Committee has authorized the hiring of contractor labor for the fishing facility. The Building Committee wants the park development project completed and ready for public use by Memorial Day weekend.

Fish Stocking Permit

DNR Fisheries Biologist Scott Hanshue has granted the county a permit to capture and transfer bluegill from Lake Ovid in Sleepy Hollow State Park to Motz County Park. Commission Chair Chuck Nelson has volunteered to undertake this stocking effort. The permit is good until December 31 of this year.

Clinton County Platt Book

MSUE 4-H is in the process of publishing the *Clinton County 2010 Platt Book*. The next edition will feature a two-page map showing the locations of state and county parks

with a brief narrative on each property. Due to a short turn-around response time, I provided the publisher with updated information found in the *Clinton County Park, Recreation and Open Space Plan*. As soon as the publisher provides a proof copy, Tim Machowicz and I will review and edit as appropriate. It is thoughtful of MSUE 4-H staff to provide this public information opportunity to the DNR and Commission.

Clinton Memorial Hospital Healthy Families Community Fair

The health fair was held on Saturday, Oct.17, from 8:30 a.m. to noon at the RESA Building. The Commission was invited to participate and was to provide a table to inform county residents about its services. I arranged to mat and laminate design drawings for Motz County Park. I was quite busy answering questions about the park, the NMF planning initiative and the Rail-Trail. People are really excited and supportive of all three projects.

Energy Efficiency & Conservation Block Grants Program (EECBG)

As one of five members of a team assigned the task of applying for EECBG program funding, a good portion of two weeks was spent in development of the county's application. The application is seeking \$295,902 in funding to make four energy-saving improvements to the Courthouse and County Jail. The assignment was done on time. The unique contribution of each team member contributed to the development of a well thought out and presented argument for grant funding. A decision of the grant application will be known by late November or early December.

Other Assignments/Activities in Progress

Listed for general information purposes. Items will be removed once completed.

- Motz County Park Development (MNRTF Grant)
- Motz County Park – entrance gate & sign
- Motz County Park – fence replacement
- Other Motz County Park improvements
 - Fish habitat improvements (January/February 2010)
 - Tree maintenance program (on-going through 2012)
- Parkland and Open Space Acquisition Guidelines
- Greening of Mid-Michigan project – steering committee
- Searles property acquisition grant application
- Agricultural Preservation Board – staff liaison (10% time allocation)
- Intergovernmental CIS Trail Committee – support/advisory role
- DeWitt Township/City/DARA Community Recreation Plan – steering committee
- Upper Maple River Watershed Management Plan – steering committee
- Clinton County Non-Motorized Facilities Plan
- Fund raising – all-terrain wheelchairs
- River access site improvements – sign
- Community Development Department – general management