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## GSC COORDINATOR'S REPORT

August / September 2009

### ACTIVITIES:

#### Motz County Park Development

- Picnic Tables and Grills – Eagle Scout candidate Ethan Malkin and his crew of volunteers met on Friday, July 31 and Saturday, August 15 to assemble picnic tables. On both days, four assembly lines kept the project moving along. I am pleased to report that all 54 tables have been assembled and are being stored at the Maintenance Department building.



The bolts on the last picnic tables receive their final tightening. An additional 53 tables are stacked in the background awaiting transfer to Motz County Park.



Commission Coordinator Jerry Jaloszynski shakes hands with Eagle Scout candidate Ethan Malkin to congratulate him on the completion of the table assembly project.

- 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) – General contractor bids were opened on

August 6. Cross Lake Construction of Horton, Michigan was low bidder at \$446,800. C2AE had forecast a construction budget of \$500,000, so the Cross Lake Construction bid is viewed as very favorable. Six other bids received ranged in amount from \$474,315 to a high of \$676,420.

The bid invitation also includes an alternate bid request for paving of the entrance drive and complete parking lot. The base bid only included paving for a limited area of the parking lot to accommodate vehicle parking for disabled visitors. Cross Lake Construction's alternate bid was \$89,750. The combined base and alternate bids still made Cross Lake Construction lower bidder when compared to all other combined bids.

The County Board Building Committee met on August 13 to consider the bid results. An award of contract was made to Cross Lake Construction, including the additional paving called for in the alternate bid request. It should be noted that the combined award amount of \$536,550 is still well below the amount budgeted by the county for the Phase II portion of the project.

DNR Grants Management has subsequently concurred with the County Board Building Committee's action. Contract signing should occur shortly.

- Group Pavilion – Authorization has been given to proceed with the purchasing of materials need to build the pavilion. I've met with Ross Pope to discuss the project and a starting date. Mid-September is the target to begin. A final materials list is being prepared.
- Shoreline Fishing Platform – C2AE is presently considering a request to substitute a seawall design for the combination pier/deck presently proposed for the shoreline fishing platform. The September 11 meeting packet will include a letter sent to DNR Grants Management Grant Coordinator Jason Cherry explaining the reasoning behind the request.

### **Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP)**

For the Green Space Commission, the program ended on Friday, August 14. With the assistance of Intern Eric Dobbrastine and SYEP participants Jason Kyle and Ryan Furlong the following projects were completed: 1) planting and care of 183 trees, 2) cleaning and removal of trash and brush found in and around park maintenance buildings (leased facility), 3) goose round-up activities, including setting up and taking down capture corrals, 4) preparing lumber for use on picnic tables including, sealing, drilling assembly holes, routing board edges and removal of splintered wood, 5) collection of 20 55-gallon plastic barrels for use as trash collection containers, 6) and a number of other daily/weekly tasks. I am very pleased with what was accomplished.

### **MSU Intern Eric Dobbrastine**

Eric completed his internship on Monday, August 17. Throughout the summer, I found Eric to be a hard working, productive worker and field supervisor. Following one more semester of study on the MSU campus, he will spend a semester in Bangkok, Thailand. Following graduation, Eric plans to serve in the Peace Corps. He is a remarkable young man and will make a fine park, recreation and tourism professional. Eric has been invited to attend the September meeting.

### **Maple River Public Access Site**

This past spring, the Road Commission, with a donation of road gravel from Dave Schlegel, completed the construction of a vehicle parking strip along French Road. A remaining task was the installation of barrier posts to prevent vehicles from entering the site via an old two-track lane. On Tuesday, August 14, Eric and I arrived at the access site at 8:30 am to meet Ron Keck, owner of Holes N More. Ron drilled 22 4' deep holes along French and St. Clair Roads. It took him about a half hour to complete the job. Eric and I spent the rest of the day installing posts. In spite of the mosquitoes, we did a good job at leveling and aligning the posts.



**MSU Intern Eric Dobbrastine inspects alignment of posts at Maple River Public Access Site (French and St. Clair Roads).**

### **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