

Hello Candy,

At this point, not much else has been done to the property other than to have it winterized which Polly Boggs kindly had done prior to the closing on the property. Parks and Trails continues to monitor the property to insure that it has not been damaged in any way through vandalism or natural weather events and to maintain it to have the lawn mowed regularly along with the parking lot area and to pick up any tree debris or litter.

The project has been put on our development project priority list for future development. The next step is to submit a requisition for services for building disposal. Once this is done, the federal aid review can be conducted to obtain the necessary cultural and environmental clearances, since some federal funds were used for the acquisition. Also, the hazardous materials inspection could then proceed to see if any materials need to be removed prior to any further disposal.

The DNR would first like to see if any individual or company would be interested in purchasing the structures to move them off the site. If this is not possible, the next recourse would be to have the structures/foundations demolished/removed and site work performed to level the ground. There could be some attempt to see if a contractor could work with a local group, such as Habitat for Humanity or ReStore, to remove some of the salvageable fixtures. Hopefully, the structure disposal and site work could be conducted within the next year.

Once the site is cleared, the design process can begin. Meetings will be held with the lake association, other interested organizations and individuals to get input on what the site could look like and how it could function within the context of the site, which includes the existing water access facility, and the local neighborhood. There are too many variations as to how this could occur to speculate on any specific design concepts at this time.

Due to recent expenditures to acquire multiple parcels to consolidate a larger site for a future water access facility elsewhere in Becker County, the

Bemidji Area Parks and Trails office does not anticipate any further water access development after this summer/fall until 2017. The priority list for which project will be next is flexible at this time, since other projects have been waiting in the queue already for a couple years.

In the future, your contact for this project will be Dave Schotzko, Area Supervisor, at [218-308-2367](tel:218-308-2367) or david.schotzko@state.mn.us, since I will be retiring on June 2, 2015. In the interim, please contact me if you have any questions or require additional information.

Thanks,

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