



## 2019 TOWN OF LENROOT NEWSLETTER

The Nelson Lake Park project has been completed with the construction of the shelter and installation of the blacktop on the boat landing and parking lots. Documentation for the cost sharing from DNR should be completed in early 2020. A **big thank you** goes to the Nelson Lake Association, the Nelson Lake Resort Association, Sawyer County, JR Excavation, and the Wisconsin Waterways Commission (DNR) as well as funds from the Lenroot accommodations account for the funding that made this facility possible. There are however, a number of possible development elements beyond those which were included in the grant such as electricity in the shelter, picnic tables for the shelter, playground equipment, a handicapped fishing pier, and others that may be suggested in the future. The Town will consider these as they are suggested and funding is found.

A new concrete toilet has been installed at Gerlach Boat Landing parking lot. This replaces the plastic toilet which has been removed and will be offered for sale by the township. 50% of the cost of the new toilet was covered by a DNR grant the rest was from the township accommodation account.

New blacktop has been installed on Reiske's Island View Road, Wagoner Circle, Birch Point Road, Bills Road, Gerlach Road, Valley Road, Short Valley Road as well as two patches on Nelson Lake Road. Crack sealing was done on all or parts of Company Lake Road, Jolly Fisherman Road, Sonby Road, Somerville Road, Saben Road, and Weingarten Road. These roads were selected by the Board based the biannual evaluation of town road conditions reported to the state as well as to repair unexpected failures.

Current 2020 road development plans include graveling Thannum and Phipps Fire Lanes using gravel crushed in 2018 and raising the road surface adjacent to Company Lake Road. One of two culverts on Jolly Fisherman Road near Highway 27 will be re-set 30" deeper to conform with DNR orders. Hopefully, this can be done in conjunction with a proposed lowering of Nelson Lake in October 2020. (Further information on the proposed Nelson Lake lowering will be found as they are available on the Town of Lenroot and the Nelson Lake Association websites.) Other roads will be considered for improvement at town board meetings in January or February 2020.

Our current voting machines will be obsolete soon. The town board proposes to purchase a new machine that will read paper ballots as well have a screen that can be used to place votes. This will mostly eliminate hand counting hundreds of ballots but preserve a paper record of the votes placed. We may see the new machine in use as soon as February or April.