



RE: Canoe/Kayak Rack Inconvenience

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First off, I would like to apologize to the community members for asking folks to remove all watercraft from the Lost Lake RCD boat racks for repairs and after doing so, said repairs appeared to be minimal and did not meet expectations of many.

I would also like to provide an explanation as to why.

When the initiative was discussed, there were dozens of various watercraft on the racks, many of which had been there for years untouched, and not registered. It appeared that the racks were in need of significant repairs, however we could not get a good look at the structures beneath all of those boats and made the assumption that the wood beneath was likely in rough shape.

Once the canoes, kayaks, paddle and rowboats were removed, an inspection showed that the treated wood had indeed held up and was mostly useable even though it was visually unappealing.

One rack on the East side was removed completely as it had not fared as well and was not used because of it. A few boards that were broken or rotted were removed from another rack, and some other already weathered but still solid pieces were recycled and installed in their place. Lag screws were tightened and after all was said and done, the racks reopened.

Our intent was and is to spend the tax dollars entrusted to us frugally and save dollars for other more pressing priorities.

Our board is all volunteer and many of us are still employed full time. We all live in the community as well and do our best to be good stewards of your money and ours.

Thank you for your understanding.

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