



Staying Connected - Festival Site Progress Update

We have made a ton of progress in our first year of developing our new festival site, named The Lakes Music and Events Park. What started out as an overgrown, abandoned golf course is shaping up to be **one of the nicest festival sites in the Upper Midwest.**

The first step after we purchased the property in the summer of 2019 was just getting the grounds mowed. It was very long and full of gopher mounds, but after continued mowing and dragging, most of the grass has recovered nicely! Our old Husky mower has taken a lot of abuse, but it's still hanging in there (**if you have a good used riding mower that you could donate, we would love to talk to you!**). That fall, we successfully moved our stage from the Pine River fairgrounds to its new location on the former green of the Golf Course hole #3. It is now in need of a good power washing and staining which we hope to do this summer.

During the winter of 2020, work was begun on the maintenance/utility shed, which is mostly complete. During the spring, summer and fall of 2020, we installed 24 electrical pedestals in the campground plus 6 in the band camping area, cleared campsites (lots of little jack pines), drilled a well, installed an RV dump, set the posts for the band and workshop pavilions, gravelled the main road, transplanted many Norway pines to the back of campsites, and much, much, much more. **Thank you to all of the volunteers and donors who made it all possible.**

Acquisition of Additional Land

In addition to the 24+ acres we purchased in 2019, we have also purchased 4 adjoining out lots to give us room for future growth. These were purchased on Contracts for Deed with interest only payments for 5 years. With our charitable gambling income and other non-festival sources, we are confident we can service and then pay off the debt in the not-so-distant future.

\$20K matching pledge made toward food court pavilion

We have received a pledge for \$20,000 toward the cost of building our 40 X 100 food court pavilion!!! This is about half of the cost we need to

complete the structure. If you feel inclined to help toward matching this amount so we can complete the food court, we would be most grateful. We are also working on grants to purchase benches and picnic tables.

Work Weekend Coming Up April 30 - May 2

We will be having a volunteer work weekend April 30 - May 2. Please come and help if you can as we have lots to do! We will be trenching power and water lines, pulling and burying wire and conduit plus mowing, trimming, putting up signage, etc.

The electricity will be on so you can come and camp for the weekend. We will be providing a simple picnic lunch on Friday and Saturday. Please click the button below to send us an RSVP via email.

[Click Here To Email RSVP](#)

Can You Help Financially?!

Please consider donating generously to help us develop our new festival site at the **Lakes Music and Events Park**. Our needs are many including completing the first phase of electrical sites, run water lines, complete the workshop and entertainer pavilion, build a food court pavilion, build shade and rain pavilions in concert area, more gravel for roads, other small buildings and a bath/shower house some day. For more information or to donate, call us at 844-620-GRAS (4727), mail to Pine River Area Foundation at PO Box 187, Pine River, MN 56474, email info@lakesbluegrassfestival.com.

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