

#### **AUGUST 2024 PARK MONTHLY REPORT**

This month we spent extra time at the complex trimming, spraying and dressing up the parking lot so that everything was nice for the circus event. The employees moved the dumpster and supplied extra garbage cans for the event, as they did a good job of cleaning up the area before leaving on Sunday. This month we were an employee short, but they still completed mowing all the properties in a timely manner. Trail counts were collected and included in our monthly report that was submitted. At Redgate, the employees brought in some new sand for the volleyball court and sprayed the park for weeds. Nate took the harley rake and dressed up the volleyball court and the parking areas, so it all looks nice for Italian days this weekend. At the pool they hosted four pool rentals this past week as we wind down the season. The final day is set for Sunday the 18<sup>th</sup>, with the dog dip the final two hours like we do every season. On the first Monday, I met with the tree board where we discussed our upcoming tree plantings and future planting tree selection. I talked with the board about planting the gravel bed trees next month as AmeriCorps is sending a group to us in September for a day to help with a project. The downtown gets cleaned every day and trails and skate park swept every Friday. I have been working on a federal grant for funding to replace lost ash trees in parks and street right of way for the next three years. At Platt Park we are working on removing a large silver maple that has split off and needs to come down next to the playground equipment. We will finish the rest of the tree after the rain passes and the area dries back up. Nate has been weed spraying various areas on city properties. The employees did take a minute to power spray their mowers to keep them clean and operating efficiently. Nate has been installing signage as part of the bike trail that extends from the aquatic center to the hosted our annual dog dip at the pool from 4-6pm. On Monday evening the city REAP proposal was approved by council, Tuesday evening I travelled to Fayette to discuss the city proposal to the REAP county board and the proposal was sent to the state the following day. The cemetery employees have two cremation burials and a full burial for Monday. Trails and skate park were swept like they always are.

This month we wrapped up the season for the aquatic center with the dog dip for the final two hours. The staff did a great job this season keeping everyone safe and teaching hundreds of swimming lessons. We spent a lot of time taking down shade canopies, covering slides and boards. Russ took all the eyeballs out and floor diffusers and installed the plugs. The gas was shut off and I have spent a lot of time winterizing the pump room and heater as we have some new procedures to figure out with the new system. At the cemetery they have a full burial and cremation burial on Monday. The park employees installed the Latham memorial bench at Levin Park this week as we had already poured the concrete foundation. The employees installed signage at Depot Park that I created. The employees went around and mowed all the properties, swept trails and weeded downtown. This month the employees have been mowing what is needed as the weather has turned hot and dry. On Monday and Tuesday, as a safety measure, the employees worked until noon and went home as the heat index rose into the 100's. The last of the memorial benches was resurfaced this week in Redgate Park as the materials were finally delivered. The park employees and I helped at the wellness center removing old furniture that the hospital left behind in the rehab room. We are waiting for the school to remove two water valves so we can remove the last base cabinet. This weekend someone ran over a light pole at City Park, so I went out Saturday morning to turn the power off then we removed the pole and started looking into replacement quotes. At Platt Park we have been removing some large maples. The large silver maple by the playground equipment had eight trunks that came out of the base that was rotten. Once we safely dropped the last of that tree, we removed the third and final trunk of another large silver maple in the back of the park that had a rotten base as well. Once these trees were dropped and cleaned up, we moved up to the pool area where we have several smaller locust trees that need to be removed that did not make the season. At the cemetery we moved an infant for the Stasi family. On Wednesday, Joshua and Nate attended a de-escalation presentation by the police. I created and sent out the agenda for the tree board meeting on Tuesday evening where we will talk about our upcoming tree plantings. I met with a contractor about pricing windows for the park shop, which is a CIP project for this year that we would like to complete before winter sets in. Cemetery employees have been working on cleaning the waterway at Woodlawn that silts in. I had Nate work on signage along Hillside drive as we are working on connecting trail segments.



SPRAYING GRADING



REDGATE



TREE REMOVAL





# **COMMUNITY ROOTS PROGRAM**

ARBOR DAY FOUNDATION FUNDING OPPORTUNITY

TREE REMOVAL



SPRAYING MAINTENANCE SIGNAGE



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CLEANING WATERWAY

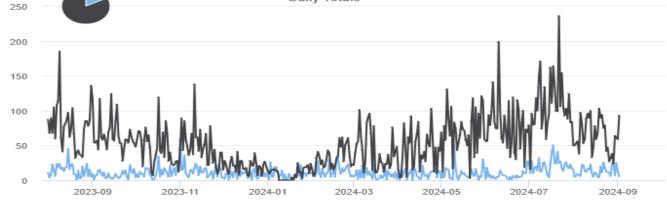




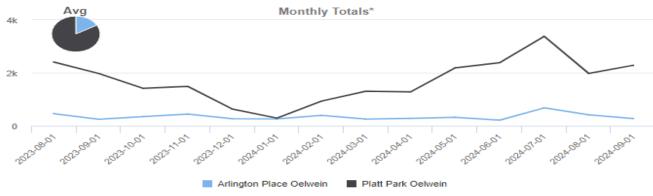












<sup>\*</sup> Based on Average Daily Traffic (ADT)

# **Master Summary**

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Year	Site	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	ADT†	ADT <sup>†</sup> x365	Days with data
2021	Arlington Place Oelwein							512*	388	294	115	242	134	9.115	3,327	183
	Platt Park Oelwein							2,845*	2,523	2,458	1,675	950	704	60.454	22,066	183
2022	Arlington Place Oelwein	146	207	158	148	199	290	426	332	327	362		173*	8.303	3,031	330
	Platt Park Oelwein	394	548	1,002	1,297	1,984	1,877	2,736	2,877	2,127	1,672		572*	51.497	18,796	330
2023	Arlington Place Oelwein	193	235	274	356	510	421	190	451	241	347	441	266	10.753	3,925	365
	Platt Park Oelwein	543	816	1,229	1,635	2,948	2,592	3,013	2,399	1,969	1,411	1,485	628	56.625	20,668	365
2024	Arlington Place Oelwein	254	389	247	279	319	208	673	414	270*				11.386	4,167	246
	Platt Park Oelwein	287	930	1,305	1,276	2,181	2,378	3,373	1,972	2,280*				56.317	20,612	246

ADT<sup>†</sup> = Average Daily Traffic

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#### **DAILY ACTIVITIES**

- ➤ CLEAN/ORGANIZE SHOP AREAS
- ➤ PICK UP DOWNTOWN AREAS
- MAINTAINING PARK, CEMETERIES
- MAINTENANCE ON EQUIPMENT
- > SAFETY MEETINGS

- ➤ MEET WITH CONTRACTORS
- > RETRIEVE & UPLOAD TRAIL COUNT DATA
- > WOODLAWN BURIALS
  - > PARK MAINTENANCE
  - ➤ GRANT WORK

### **PROGRESS ON PROJECTS**

- ➤ WEBSITE UPDATING
- > TRAIL EASEMENTS/GRANTS
- ➤ PARK AND REC MASTER PLAN
- > TRAIL MAINTENANCE
- ➤ GRINDING STUMPS
- > CIVICREC WORK
- > TREES FOR KIDS GRANT SUBMITTED
- ➤ PLAYGROUND MAINTENANCE
- ➤ POOL FACILITY CLOSED
- ➤ REAP GRANT SUBMITTED
- > DEAD TREE REMOVAL
- > NEW MEMORIAL BENCH BACK INSTALLED
- > ITALIAN DAYS REDGATE
- SWEEPING TRAILS/STREETS

## **NEXT MONTH AND FUTURE PROJECTS**

- REPURPOSE OLD WINGS BRIDGE
- ➤ GRANT WRITING
- ➤ TRAIL SEGMENT 2
- ➤ TRAIL SEGMENTS 4/5 ALIGNMENT
- ➤ PAINT ACCENT BRICK POOL
- ➤ REMOVE PRIMITIVE AT REDGATE
- PLAYGROUND SLIDES CITY PARK
- PLANT TREES IN CHRYSLER PARK

- ➤ BOARD AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS
- ➤ WINTERIZE POOL
- > AMERICORPS PREPARATIONS
- ➤ BARE ROOT TREE PLANTING
- > TREES FOREVER TREE PLANTING
- > GRAVEL BED TREE PLANTING
- ➤ FLAGPOLE DIAMONDS
- > TRIM DOWNTOWN FOR WINTER

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