



PARKS MONTHLY UPDATE, SEPTEMBER 2021
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This month in the park department, the rangers have been mowing and trimming all the properties. As departments, we have been still working on storm damage in the parks, cemetery, empty properties and trails. City Park had a couple trees go down on the west side of the park that Jay has been focusing on this past month. I have been talking with the DNR Decorah fish hatchery about Lake Oelwein these past several months in regards to fish population. Theresa and Amanda with the DNR came down on the first Tuesday of the month and set out six fyke nets at various locations around the lake. After they set the nets, they invited me to do some electrofishing around the lake. With this method, they stun the fish with short electrical pulses and we catch them with hand nets, drop them in a live well. We then counted, identified, and measured the fish that will go into their report. On Wednesday morning, I was able to go out, pull in half the fyke nets with the DNR, and help identify and record the fish the nets had captured. There were a lot of fish caught in these nets that included; carp, yellow and black bullheads, large and smallmouth bass, black and white crappie, white suckers, bluegill and a couple of turtles. The trails project is plugging along as the contractor was working on the Wings site to finish the dirt work along the trail to wrap that section up. I submitted our new trail map to Aaron Detter with Upper explorerland that he will send with all the regional trail maps to the DOT for their interactive trails map. I have been working on the trails presentation for Monday night's council meeting for segments 2 & 3. On the second Tuesday, we had a full burial for Geilenfeld-Buehner funeral home at Woodlawn. The countertop for the Redgate Park finally arrived and Miller is waiting on the bathroom partitions to be delivered. I am also working on the year-end aquatic center report for this past season.

At Woodlawn, we had two cremation burials the second week of the month to prepare. Notification was posted in the paper for foundation orders as usual, to be submitted by Friday September 24th to City Hall. Chris J. has started the smaller foundations and most of the prefabs that he can do himself. Bacon Const. has finished the dirt work along both new trail segments and seeded the areas. Winterization of the aquatic facility is ongoing when we have time. Alliant Energy is placing new utility poles at City Park as a part of the electrical upgrades. I have recruited two more individuals for the trails committee that have experience writing grants that will be a tremendous help. I have been working on the IDOT federal recreation trail grant for segments 2 & 3 to be submitted next week. On the third Monday evening, I hosted the park and rec meeting at Redgate Park as we went over our current activities and projects.

All the departments got their fire extinguishers in to be inspected and charged if needed. At Woodlawn Cemetery, both departments helped pour headstone foundations. Then the employees poured a concrete pad for the Reeves memorial bench at the sports complex. After that, they poured a couple tee pads for the disc golf course at City Park. The trail contractor finished installing the handicap accessible water drinking fountain near the aquatic facility. The contractor had also poured a section of sidewalk in the NW and someone walked their dog through it while it was still wet, so they ripped it out and started over. Once again, at the sports complex we graded the gravel parking lot and swept the trails and skate park. We received the new pool rules sign that I ordered from Anamosa along with more trail mileage signs. I finished and submitted the Federal Rec Trails grant proposal this week, asking \$1.2 million for segments 2&4. This week I finally got some contractors to stop in and discuss some upcoming projects. I attended the monthly safety meeting and preparing the agenda for the Tree Board meeting next Monday.



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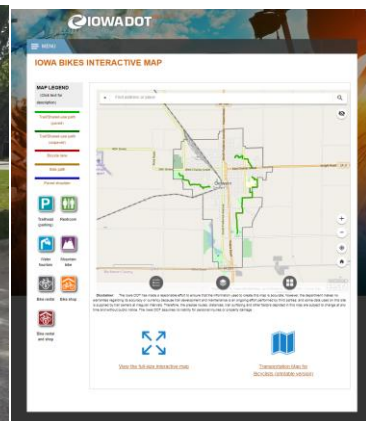
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ELECTROFISHING



TRAIL WORK





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STORM DAMAGE CLEANUP



WELCOME SIGNS



TRAIL WORK



STORM CLEANUP



AQUATICS WINTERIZATION





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DRINKING FOUNTAIN



TRAILS



COMPLEX



SWEEPING



NEW SIGNAGE

WATERSLIDE RULES

1. THE MINIMUM RIDER HEIGHT IS 48 INCHES.
2. ONLY ONE RIDER ON THE SLIDE AT A TIME.
3. EYEGLASSES MUST BE SECURELY AFFIXED TO RIDERS WITH HEAD STRAPS.
4. SWIMWEAR WITH EXPOSED ZIPPERS, BUCKLES, RIVETS OR METAL ORNAMENTATION ARE NOT PERMITTED.
5. FLOTATION DEVICES AND LIFE-JACKETS ARE PROHIBITED.
6. SLIDE MUST BE RIDDEN FEET FIRST-LYING ON YOUR BACK OR IN A SITTING POSITION (SIT UP TO GO SLOWER, LIE DOWN TO GO FASTER).
7. RIDERS MUST WAIT FOR THE GUARDS SIGNAL BEFORE STARTING THE RIDE.
8. KEEP ARMS AND HANDS INSIDE THE FLUMES AT ALL TIMES.
9. DO NOT RUN, DIVE, KNEEL, STAND, ROTATE OR STOP IN THE SLIDE.
10. AT THE END OF THE SLIDE-OBEY ALL INSTRUCTIONS BY THE SPLASH POOL GUARD AND EXIT PLUNGE POOL QUICKLY.
11. NO ONE ELSE IS ALLOWED TO CATCH ANYONE AT THE BOTTOM OF THE SLIDE.
12. CAUTION: FOR SAFETY REASONS, PREGNANT WOMEN AND PERSONS WITH HEART CONDITIONS OR BACK TROUBLE SHOULD NOT RIDE THE SLIDE.
13. PLUNGE POOL DEPTH IS 3' 6"

BE ADVISED THAT THIS WATERSLIDE IS AN ADVENTURE ACTIVITY. IN DECIDING TO PARTICIPATE, THE RIDER ASSUMES FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR ANY INJURY SUSTAINED. PARENTS/GUARDIANS OF CHILDREN UNDER THE AGE OF 18 ARE STRONGLY ENCOURAGED TO OBSERVE THE ACTIVITY PRIOR TO DECIDING WHETHER TO PARTICIPATE.

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Oelwein Municipal Urban Trail System

GRANT PROPOSAL





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Daily Activities

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- ❖ Sanitizing shop and equipment
- ❖ Pick up garbage downtown
- ❖ Cleaning restrooms
- ❖ Checking/maintaining parks, cemeteries
- ❖ Maintenance on equipment
- ❖ Order supplies for all departments
- ❖ Safety meetings
- ❖ Meet with contractors
- ❖ Retrieve & upload trail count data

Progress on Projects

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- ❖ Website work ongoing
- ❖ Trail easements/grants
- ❖ Work on Park and Rec master plan
- ❖ Bathroom/shelter project at Red Gate park ongoing
- ❖ Trail Segment 1 work
- ❖ Turned in DOT FRT grant proposal
- ❖ Continue pool winterization
- ❖ Storm cleanup ongoing
- ❖ Work on disc golf course
- ❖ Cemetery foundations poured

Next Month and Future Projects

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- ❖ Disc golf course install
- ❖ Diamond 3 in-field fencing
- ❖ Website work
- ❖ Remove old well houses at City Park
- ❖ Drinking fountain install Platt Park
- ❖ Diamond 1 building work
- ❖ Arching sign for entrance at Woodlawn
- ❖ Electrical project at City Park
- ❖ Replace decking on old bridge
- ❖ Grant work
- ❖ Pool shelter install
- ❖ Motor/Pump replacement at pool
- ❖ Block signs at Woodlawn
- ❖ Install basketball anchors/ hoops at Wings Park

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