



Minutes

Park & Rec Meeting
Aquatic Center – 400 4th Street NE
Monday May 20th, 2024 - 5:15 PM

Park and Recreation

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Call to Order: 5:17pm

Roll Call: Bouska, Burkhart, Gearhart, Johnson, Jorgensen, Garrigus, Meska, Stasi

Attending: Burkhart, Gearhart, Johnson, Meska, Stasi

Absent: Bouska, Jorgensen, Garrigus

Approval of Minutes:

- Consideration of a motion approving the minutes of the April 15th, 2024, meeting:
Motion: Meska 2nd: Stasi
Aye: All Nay: None

Citizen Comments: None

Recreation Update:

Burkhart stated that spring soccer has wrapped up for the season. Burkhart talked on the changeover for herself and the staff at the wellness center with July 1 as the set date. Meska inquired as to if anyone from the rec group would be coming to the park and rec meetings to talk. Gearhart asked who the group was going to answer to. Gearhart asked if there was a rental agreement that they were going to need to sign as they would be using city facilities. Gearhart stated that they would like to have some communication with the group and Meska seconded that notion. Gearhart stated that they would like to address any problems before they get started. Burkhart talked about little league ramping up and with Caiden starting with the ball diamond preparations.

Latham Memorial Bench-Levin Park:

Johnson stated that Mr. Jon Latham addressed him and requested to put a memorial bench in Levin Park. Johnson stated the bench would be placed along the trail on the north side of the trail and face to the south. Johnson stated that this would be the second bench that Mr. Latham purchased with the second bench along the new trail along 4th street SW. Meska asked if he already had a bench and Johnson confirmed that he bought one that was installed along the new trail section on 4th St. SW across from Latham’s house.

- Consideration of a motion approving the Latham memorial bench for Levin Park:
Motion: Meska 2nd: Stasi
Aye: All Nay: None

Trails Update:

Johnson stated that the trail bill that they have been working on for several years has been finally passed and signed by the governor. Johnson stated that this bill, HF35, was a requirement by Iowa Northern Railroad for the City to continue the trail 1200’ in the NW from 2nd Street NW to West Charles Street by the viaduct. The bill provides protection for railroads with the bike trail that we have proposed along the rail property on the east side of the active rail in the NW down to viaduct.

Tree Board Update:

Johnson stated that this week the tree board received their hardware for the tree city and growth awards. Johnson stated that they received new stickers for their tree city sign which is at 23 years now and new emblem for the plaque at the office. On Arbor Day, the tree board and Johnson hosted a tree event at Wings Park Elementary School. Johnson ordered 75 tree whips from the Iowa DNR Forestry Dept. for our Arbor Day event. Kyle Scheel gave a great planting demonstration and Brianna Hull, our new Trees Forever representative, was there to help with the event as well. The teachers told us several times that they are very grateful that the board is hosting these events for the kids. The tree board met on the first Monday evening of the month at the park shop where we held our monthly meeting as usual, then the board planted some trees. The board planted the 40 bare root trees that Johnson picked up this week from Corner Market to plant in the gravel bed that we constructed behind the shop. These trees will be removed in the fall and planted in parks and/or cemeteries.

Aquatics Update:

Johnson stated that as every year there is a ton of preparations that go into getting the aquatic center ready for opening day. Johnson stated that the park employees did a lot of power spraying to the pool shell and the deck as well as steaming the shower room floors. Johnson stated that some signage had to be updated and added a food allergy sign to the concessions area. Johnson stated that pool chemicals have been delivered and concessions product has been ordered. Johnson stated that the new boiler has been installed by Waterloo Boiler Company. Johnson stated that the new boiler is the same model, and a 2.5" stand has been added to elevate the boiler so that it will not be damaged by flooding again as the old boiler had. Johnson stated that the pool needed to be filled a little early so that the state inspector can go through the new piping and equipment that Carrico Aquatics put in the pump room this past fall. Johnson stated this new boiler was paid for by a generous donation by the Northeast Iowa Charitable Foundation, as well as part of the filter and drain projects.

Parks / Cemetery Update:

Johnson stated that the park employees have been busy wrapping up the spiral slide replacement at City Park as it was ready to pour the concrete base when the cemetery foundations were poured. The weather has not been cooperative this month as the rain has been cutting the employees short on hours. With the strong winds early in the month we had one smaller tree drop on a trail that we removed first thing in the morning. The cemetery has become active with several graves to prepare. The cemetery employees spread gravel at the campground. Johnson had Nate start installing safety guideline signage at all the playground areas in the parks this week. This month the cemetery department had to prepare a burial for one of our former employees, Mike Ledesma. Mike was an excellent worker for the city and will be missed. Mike fired up his noisy truck early every morning with very little left to his exhaust system to drive 600ft. to the shop to jump in the city truck and water the flowers downtown. We offered to repair it for him, but he always declined. Mike was a very dedicated worker who took great pride in his work and was always willing to help others out.

Johnson stated that they worked on some signage as a trail sign was backed into at the lot where snow is dumped, new skate park installed and signage at the aquatics center updated. Woodlawn cemetery has been extremely busy with one cremation burial on last Saturday and 4 full burials, one each day from Monday through Thursday. This month the park/cemetery employees have been spreading several loads of mulch every morning in the downtown areas. This is a semi load of mulch that the employees spread every year and is quite time-consuming. The park employees and cemetery employees have been working together to clean up a few remaining ash trees on the north end of the campground tent area. The park employees have been mowing the rec fields and trying to keep up with the mowing of all the parks as the grass has really started to take off. The cemetery employees have been mowing their areas as well as needed. Johnson stated they are still short of an employee and a half, as things are really starting to pick up in all areas. The cemetery employees also framed up all the foundation orders that were submitted these past two weeks. Some final touches are being made at the aquatic center as we are getting ever closer to starting to fill the pool.

Joe Bouska and Johnson went around to several businesses and talked to them about raising money to purchase yellow safety tile for the baseball diamonds. Bouska and Johnson raised over \$3,000 thus far for this project. Johnson met with a couple contractors about completing some trail work patching and crack sealing on the east trail. Johnson took the contractors to look at the library trail along the west side of the library. The park employees have been taking the power sprayer around to all the playground equipment cleaning it off so that it will be ready for painting late next week for the United way of Caring.

Johnson stated that this past month the park and cemetery guys worked together pouring concrete foundations at Woodlawn. The cemetery employees put out some prefab 4' & 6' frames so we can place foundations during the summer months if more orders come in. The footing for the new slide at City Park was also poured so the park employees can backfill and put new safety fiber down this Friday. This month Johnson stated that they had their monthly safety meeting at the park shop for the park and cemetery employees. This week a trail sign was replaced at the 4th street snow dumpsite. Wednesday, Nate and Johnson put the shade structure up at Depot Park and turned on the water. The park and cemetery employees are done with the downtown mulching as they have had enough of mulching for a while. All the employees have been mowing properties when they can as the grass has really taken off with all the rain we have received lately. The park employees had a few projects to complete on a rain day last week including finishing power steaming the floor in the shower house at the pool to get the oils and sunscreen that get tracked on the floors. Also, Denny H. went over to Cedar Falls to pick up the paint that we received from the Diamond Vogel grant this department received for painting picnic tables at the campground. The cemetery employees removed a small tree that had expired on the west end of the cemetery.

United Way – Day of Caring 2024:

This past week the park and cemetery employees did an exceptional job helping with the day of caring hosted on the first Friday of May. Johnson stated there was a ton of preparation to make this day successful by having volunteers lined up, donations made, and preparations made beforehand. Johnson stated that projects were completed at each property including parks, cemetery, campground, trails, and aquatics. A semi load of playground safety material was spread in the playground areas at City Park. All the picnic tables at the campground were painted with the help of a Diamond Vogel grant this department received and True Value grant we received as well that gave us an additional 26 gallons of green paint. Older playground equipment was painted at all the parks, shelters were painted, and picnic tables painted, power spraying.

Johnson stated that flags were put up at Woodlawn on Saturday morning as the weather was terrific. Johnson provided the board with trail count updates, updates on projects, cemetery burials and campground totals.

Board Member Updates: None

Adjournment: 5:46 pm

Next Meeting: June 17th, 2024

Additional Information:

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, those requiring accommodation for city meetings should notify city hall at least 24 hours prior to the meeting at 319-283-5440.

Latham Memorial Bench:

Levin Park





Trails Update:

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KIM REYNOLDS
GOVERNOR

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LT GOVERNOR

May 1, 2024

The Honorable Paul Pate
Secretary of State of Iowa
State Capitol
Des Moines, Iowa 50319

Dear Mr. Secretary,

I hereby transmit:

House File 35, an Act relating to private land available for public use for recreational purposes.

The above House File is hereby approved on this date.

Sincerely,

Kim Reynolds
Governor of Iowa

cc: Secretary of the Senate
Clerk of the House

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House File 35

AN ACT

RELATING TO PRIVATE LAND AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC USE FOR
RECREATIONAL PURPOSES.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

Section 1. Section 461C.2, Code 2024, is amended by adding the following new subsection:

NEW SUBSECTION. 01. *"Bicycle"* means the same as defined in section 321.1 except the device may have any number of wheels.

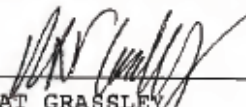
Sec. 2. Section 461C.2, subsections 3 and 5, Code 2024, are amended to read as follows:

3. *"Land"* means private land that is one or any combination of the following: abandoned or inactive surface mines; caves; land used for agricultural purposes; marshlands; timber; grasslands; or the privately owned roads, portions of a railroad right-of-way or crossing incorporated into or used as part of a path or trail used for recreational purposes, paths, trails, waters, water courses, exteriors and interiors of buildings, structures, machinery, or equipment appurtenant thereto. *"Land"* includes land that is not open to the general public. *"Land"* also includes private land located in a municipality in connection with and while being used for urban deer control.

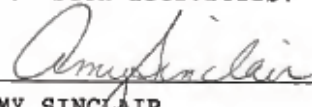
5. *"Recreational purpose"* means the following or any combination thereof: hunting, trapping, horseback riding, fishing, swimming, boating, camping, picnicking, jogging, walking, hiking, pleasure driving, motorcycling, bicycle



riding, all-terrain vehicle riding, nature study, water skiing, snowmobiling, other summer and winter sports, educational activities, and viewing or enjoying historical, archaeological, scenic, or scientific sites while going to and from or actually engaged therein. "Recreational purpose" includes the activity of accompanying another person who is engaging in such activities. "Recreational purpose" is not limited to active engagement in such activities, but includes entry onto, use of, passage over, and presence on any part of the land in connection with or during the course of such activities.

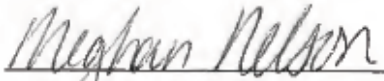


PAT GRASSLEY
Speaker of the House



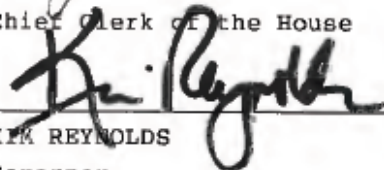
AMY SINCLAIR
President of the Senate

I hereby certify that this bill originated in the House and is known as House File 35, Ninetieth General Assembly.



MEGHAN NELSON
Chief Clerk of the House

Approved May 1st, 2024



KIM REYNOLDS
Governor

Segment 1

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Tree Board Update:

HARDWARE ARRIVED



ARBOR DAY EVENT



BARE ROOT TREES PLANTED





Aquatics Update:

POOL PREPARATIONS



SIGNAGE UPDATED



PEPSI PRODUCT



STEPS REPLACED



NEW BOILER





Parks / Cemetery Update:

SLIDE REPLACEMENT



WIND DAMAGE



BURIALS



SIGNAGE



MIKE LEDESMA



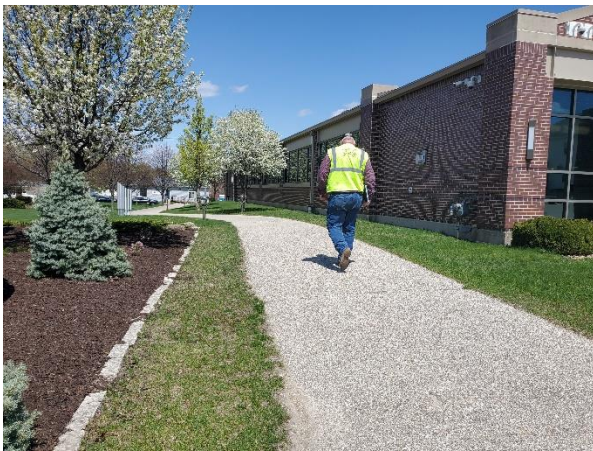


NEW SIGNAGE



CONTRACTORS

MOWING REC FIELDS



TREE TRIMMING

MULCHING



BURIALS



FOUNDATIONS



CONCRETE WORK



SAFETY MEETING



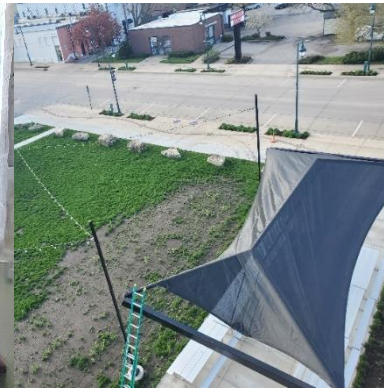
SHADE UP



BURIALS



MULCHING



POWER SPRAYING





UNITED WAY - DAY OF CARING

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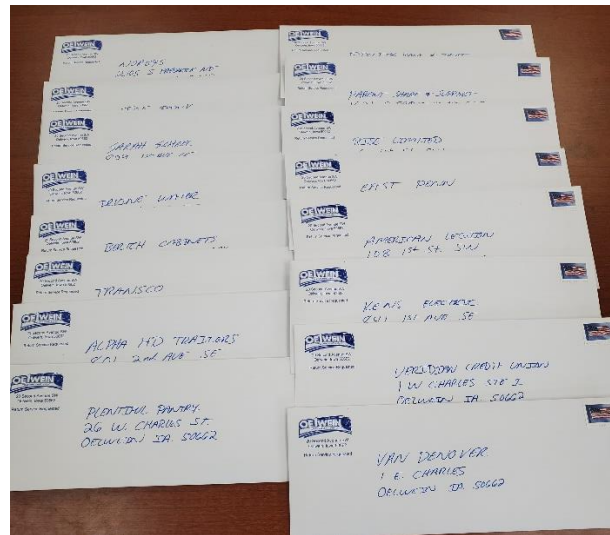


BOILER INSTALL



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THANK YOU LETTERS



NEW POOL SIGNAGE



NEW GAUGES



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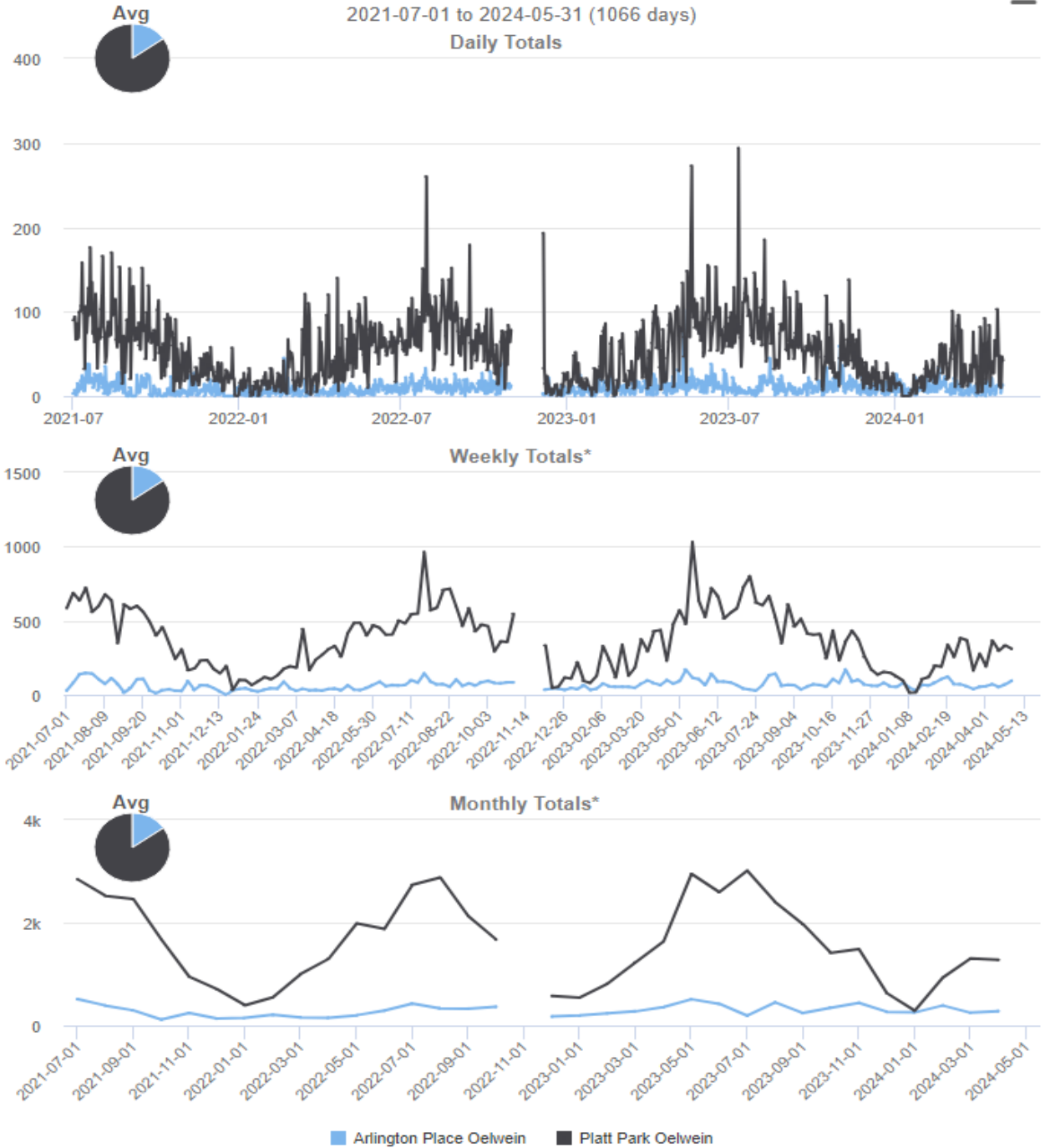
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Daily/Weekly/Monthly totals

2021-07-01 to 2024-05-31 (1066 days)



Master Summary

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Year	Site	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	ADT†	ADT†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									9.661	3,536	121
	Platt Park Oelwein	287	930	1,305	1,276									31.388	11,488	121

ADT† = Average Daily Traffic

* = based upon that month's ADT [Learn more](#) Indicates months with less than 6 days of data.



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
- SPRING MAINTENANCE
- GRANT WORK

PROGRESS ON PROJECTS

- WEBSITE UPDATING
- TRAIL EASEMENTS/GRANTS
- WORK ON PARK AND REC MASTER PLAN
- TRAIL MAINTENANCE
- HIRE EMPLOYEES BACK
- SPRING PREPARATIONS
- GRINDING STUMPS
- CEMETERY SPRING CLEANING
- POOL PREPARATIONS
- FINAL ASH TREE REMOVAL
- GRAVEL BED COMPLETED - TREES PLANTED
- ARBOR DAY EVENT
- RECEIVED GROWTH AWARD RECOGNITION
- CIVICREC WORK
- UNITED WAY – DAY OF CARING PREP
- SWEEPING TRAILS/STREETS
- CAMPGROUND OPENED
- MULCHING DOWNTOWN
- WORKED ON TAP FUNDING APPLICATION
- POOL BOILER REPLACEMENT
- PLAYGROUND SLIDE – CITY PARK
- NEW CITY PARK SIGN INSTALLED
- FOUNDATIONS POURED

NEXT MONTH AND FUTURE PROJECTS

- REMOVE OLD WELL HOUSES CITY PARK
- REPURPOSE OLD WINGS BRIDGE
- GRANT WRITING
- TRAIL SEGMENT 2
- TRAIL SEGMENTS 4/5 ALIGNMENT
- DIRT WORK COMPLEX
- PAINT ACCENT BRICK – POOL
- REMOVE PRIMITIVE AT REDGATE
- PLAYGROUND SLIDES – CITY PARK
- DIAMOND PREPARATIONS
- UTILITIES TO PLANT TREES IN CHRYSLER
- BOARD AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS
- FIX WATER SHUTOFFS AT CEMETERY
- FLAGPOLE DIAMOND 3
- OPEN AQUATICS FACILITY FOR SEASON

WOODLAWN BURIALS

- 22
 - 14 FULL BURIALS
 - 8 CREMATION BURIALS

JOSHUA JOHNSON MA
OELWEIN PARK SUPERINTENDENT





CAMPGROUND TOTALS



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City of Oelwein Camping Registration Comparison

	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
March						9			9					COVID				
April	34	7	7	55	1	68		12	36	29	20	41	25		2	156	238	120
May	239	267	273	224	289	403	419	420	246	353	354	586	1365	128	392	464	840	114
June	332	369	585	494	633	489	455	590	404	493	695	723	396	289	474	407	464	
July	349	404	285	379	421	613	782	444	496	336	628	472	504	220	414	347	762	
August	240	380	287	459	478	403	448	358	561	578	950	767	473	236	432	613	770	
September	384	457	235	231	309	429	623	477	420	407	512	207	368	123	408	336	540	
October	103	109	69	64	106	149	125	61	227	247	285	82	57	52	44	67	148	
November						28	9	9	14	10	30							
December						21					15							
Occupancy Rate	27%	31%	28%	30%	36%	42%	46%	39%	39%	39%	56%	46%	51%	17%	34%	38%	60%	
TOTALS	1681	1993	1741	1906	2237	2612	2861	2371	2413	2450	3479	2878	3188	1048	2166	2390	3762	