



Application for Appointment to Boards and Commissions

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Occupation Band Teacher

How long have you been a resident of Oelwein? One Year

Please check the following boards or commissions to which you would like to be appointed:

- Airport Board
- Electrical Board
- Library Board
- Park & Recreation Commission
- Plumbing Board
- Zoning Board of Adjustment
- Civil Service Commission
- International Code Council Board of Appeals
- Mechanical Board
- Planning and Zoning Commission
- Tree Board

Describe past experience which would benefit the board or commission applied for:

I would like to be appointed on one of the above boards. I do not have a background in any of the marked, unless considering managing and inventory of school music libraries. The Civil Service Commission and Park & Rec are of interest to me because I have used the parks and would love to aid in their maintenance. Dylan mentioned needing more volunteers especially for the Planning and Zoning commission. Although I do not have background in this, I am willing to do training to be better equipped for this position.

Describe the qualities and attributes you possess that would be of benefit to the board or commission applied for:

With my work, I have always held the motto that I wanted to leave my classroom and students better off than when I found them. I've always worked very hard to achieve this and want to do the same for the town of Oelwein. I believe that with a little 'TLC' from citizens, Oelwein could make some great improvements and I would like to be part of the help with the skill sets I can bring. Besides work ethic, I have a some experience with building projections, balancing budgets, and being resourceful in finding equipment after building a music program for a new school building from scratch. I am adept with technology usage.

I've served on committees for school as well as terms on council for a collegiate band 'sorority' (Tau Beta Sigma-more like a band boosters) so I am familiar with working on a team in that manner, protocol with meetings, and the responsibilities of individuals working together to achieve goals. I am a fast learner and ask questions, so I feel I will be able to catch on quickly, especially with training.

Describe your desire to serve on this board of commission:

I'd like to serve on a board to help Oelwein become a better place to live! We are in it for the long haul and I would love to see the town grow and flourish during my time here.

Describe similar volunteer experiences:

Unfortunately, my volunteer experiences are not very similar. Here are areas in which I have volunteered:
-Church worship team
-PBIS leadership training (school)
-Girls on the Run coach (after school program where we'd teach girls some life skills and give self-worth lessons while also teaching them to live a healthy lifestyle. At the end of the program, they ran a 5K. I was NOT a runner before this!)
-AWANA worship leader
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Describe any goals and/or objectives you envision for the board/commission:

As I have mentioned, being unfamiliar with the goals of the boards and commissions and what their role is in the community (minus what I have read online) I am coming into it with a very open mind. My goal would be to learn what has been happening, what improvements have been made already, and how I can contribute positively to what is already happening before coming up with my own ideas.

Any additional information or comments you wish to offer:

I am more interested in serving wherever my skill set is more appropriate. If someone reading this has ideas of other serving options, I am open to hearing other ideas.

The school year is going to be very different this year. I am not sure when and if I will be able to hold any concerts as a band teacher or if I will be doing some form of virtual performances. I am predicting that this is going to take a majority of my time this fall even with the extra summer planning I have put in already. However, I want to get going somehow in Oelwein and will contribute as much as I possibly can!

Hours of Availability: Evenings Monday-Friday. Weekends as needed

Jennifer Rueber

Applicant Signature (electronic accepted)

07-14-2020

Date

City Hall

Reviewed by:

Mayor City Administrator Board or Commission Chair Department Head