



## October Parks Monthly Report 2019

### Parks / Cemetery / Aquatics / Campground

#### Park and Recreation

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This month I had Tim utilize our newest piece of equipment a spike aerator on some of the ball diamonds. With all the rain we have been getting it is impossible to get into most areas even with the mowers. Contractors are in starting on the trail addition in Wings Park but the wet conditions are slowing them down too. To protect against deer browsing, Mike Ledesma and Nick Wirtz put up snow fence around the sapling trees that we planted at the complex that we received from the DNR. Someone stole the light at Oakdale Cemetery that was on the flag. With cold temperatures coming this weekend, the employees have been winterizing and blowing out waterlines to bathrooms and drinking fountains. The campground is closing after this weekend as well as Carolyn did a good job hosting again. The cemetery employees had a burial and four cremations the first week of October to take care of. I hosted the monthly tree board meeting where we discussed the tree planting at the end of the month. The tree board will also be travelling to Cedar Falls at the end of the month to receive the governor's volunteer award. The tree board also sold all the large trees at the tree farm at Woodlawn. On Tuesday the 8th, I hosted the trails committee meeting where we divided names for our Friends of the Trails program. The committee is raising funds from citizens and businesses to complete the Oelwein Urban Municipal Trail.

At Wings Park Tim Ledesma finished plugging all the rec fields for aeration. I travelled to Pella on Friday the 11<sup>th</sup> to attend a trails summit, which covered maintenance, promotion and development. Contractors installed the new pilings for the new bridge going in at Wings Park. Tim Ledesma took the maintainer to the sports complex and graded the parking lot once again. The other contractor started pouring concrete for the trail extension starting by the bridge to the pool and working their way over to the new bridge. Dan Ohl is finishing painting the office at the cemetery this week. The park and cemetery employees have been busy shutting off water and winterizing for the cold weather. I have been working on budget and CIP items. I am finishing the Trees Forever grant for the next cycle to submit. The tree board is meeting once again tonight for a final meeting before we plant street trees next week.

The park employees finished work at the pool this season by wrapping the diving boards to protect them over the winter months. Tim Ledesma has been busy grinding stumps in the various parks. On Thursday, I met with the Tree Board another time to confirm locations and start calling in locates. Late last week the park employees finished winterizing the campground by blowing out the water lines and painting the shower house floors with an epoxy paint. The park employees also finished painting the exterior of the shower house as well. At Wings Park, the new bridge arrived on Tuesday the 17<sup>th</sup> on a semi-trailer. The construction crew completed another 100 feet of trail but the continued wet weather is slowing down production. The trees for the street tree planting were picked up and with the help of the tree board, we planted all the trees. Another bench installed at the dog park inside the gated area to give patrons a place to sit while watching their dogs. The cemetery crew finished pouring foundations, pulling the forms and placing black dirt around the foundations. The cemetery employees were busy chopping leaves, picking up garbage cans, bringing out grave heaters and propane trailers and installing t posts along the roads for snow removal purposes. On Monday the 21<sup>st</sup>, I hosted the park and rec meeting where we discussed trail progress, tree plantings and code review. At that meeting, I proposed raising money for some sign upgrades for Woodlawn Cemetery.

The cemetery crew finished foundations. Bridgework continues at Wings Park and they are making some progress on dirt work as the rain/snow persist. The Tree Board planted 54 trees in the street boulevards to increase the cities tree canopy. The employees brought all the mowers to the park maintenance shop to go over for the end of the season. The park department received a \$5,000 grant from the RJ McElroy trust for umbrellas for the aquatic center.

Aeration



Trail Building



Fenced off saplings



Oakdale



Winterizing



Pella trail summit



Friends of the Oelwein  
Municipal Urban Trail



Pilings



Bridge work



Trail building



Office painting



Winterizing



Winterization



Stump grinding



Floor painting



Wings bridge



Wings bridge



Trail install



Bridge pilings



Shower house painted



Blvd trees



New tires



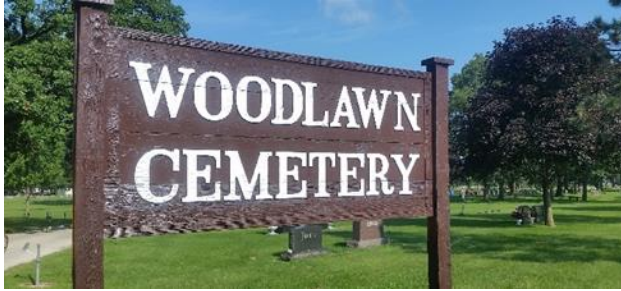
Dog park bench



Foundations



Possible project of sign upgrades at Woodlawn



Use existing pedestals





# McElroy Trust

## Daily Activities

- ❖ Pick up garbage, removed hanging baskets, and weeding downtown
- ❖ Checking parks, cemeteries, cleaning bathrooms
- ❖ Monthly safety checklist
- ❖ Maintenance on equipment
- ❖ Order supplies for different departments
- ❖ Work on info for tree board plantings
- ❖ Work with trails committee, Friends of Trails
- ❖ Safety meetings with departments and city
- ❖ Prepare graves for funerals
- ❖ Attended Upper Explorerland meetings

## Progress on Projects

- ❖ Received \$5000 for shade structures at the aquatic center from RJ McElroy Trust
- ❖ Tree Board monthly meeting
- ❖ Tree Board planted 54 street trees
- ❖ Dead tree removal
- ❖ Painted cemetery office
- ❖ Winterized all facilities
- ❖ Trail extension at Wings Park
- ❖ Attended trails summit
- ❖ Stump grinding
- ❖ Trails committee meeting
- ❖ Foundations poured at Woodlawn
- ❖ Bench installed at Dog Park
- ❖ Raised money for cemetery signs
- ❖ Painted shower house floors with epoxy paint
- ❖ Aerated all ball fields



### Next Month and Future Projects

- ❖ Tree Board meeting
- ❖ Trails Committee meetings
- ❖ Park and Rec meeting
- ❖ Wings Park trail extension
- ❖ Pool mini golf area
- ❖ Park master plan
- ❖ Grant work
- ❖ Diamond 3 fencing
- ❖ Budget
- ❖ Website work
- ❖ Cemetery signs

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