

#### APRIL 2023 PARK MONTHLY REPORT

This month in the park and cemetery department the employees have been very busy with various projects. This month Johnson and Wiedemann used the bucket truck to trim trees at the campground to make way for the installation of two new utility poles that Alliant Energy will set. We lucked out once again as the severe storms this week missed our community, but we did have some branches on the properties to pick up. We did take down all the flags during these events to preserve the flags and reduce the risk of breaking the flag lines from breaking. A few more ash trees were taken down this week by the park employees along the trail in the NW part of town. At the cemetery the employees have been picking up loose decorations and Chris has been working on grinding tree stumps. Johnson and the employees cleaned out a section of trail on the west side of town this week before everything started leafing out. The park employees anchored down all the soccer nets for the rec program and portable restrooms were taken care of by the park department. The downtown mulch was delivered this week as the employees take down a couple loads each morning before the area gets busy. The park employees braved the cold windy weather on Wednesday and finished up a CIP item at the pool. The low board stand had become a maintenance issue and was time to get it replaced. The new cash registers finally arrived for the aquatic center as well and have been programmed for the upcoming season. The final three guard stand seats were replaced at the pool as well. At Woodlawn the employees prepared a full burial for this past Tuesday morning for Jamison funeral home. Johnson sent in the ad for cemetery foundations to the paper that will be published the following week. Final preparations were made at the campground so that it would be ready to open on the 15th with Carolyn Rohrick returning to host for us again. Johnson has been working with Joe Bouska lining up projects and material for the United Way, Day of Caring that will be in May.

Earlier in month prescribed burns were conducted at City Park and the sports complex with the prairie plantings. At the campground, we had Alliant Energy installing new utility poles to the facility which was a needed facility improvement. Also, at the campground we had 50 tons of rock brought in so that we could finish leveling out some pads and make the area look great. The water was turned on to the campground and the other bathroom facilities have been slowly getting turned on. The employees have been busy working at the aquatic facility this week as well finishing many of the yearly projects to get the facility ready. Marc B. was busy power spraying the front area to make it look great for the opening. Steve S. painted the red fountain in the zero-entry area and worked on the diving board stands. The employees have been busy first thing in the mornings spreading much in the downtown area. At the campground the employees formed up the sidewalk to replace the concrete for when we pour foundations in the next couple weeks and the foundation was also formed for the memorial bench that Jon Latham purchased for the trail along 4<sup>th</sup> street. The Woodlawn sign was taken to Transco as they sand blasted it and painted the sign for the city. Johnson traveled to Decorah on Wednesday to the upper explorer land meeting to present his STBG funding proposal to the enhancement committee. The cemetery employees turned on the water to the facility and spread-out garbage cans and started on winter graves. They had a full burial on Tuesday and have a cremation and full burial for this coming Monday to prepare. On Wednesday afternoon we finished the paperwork for a dozen more pool kids and the campground host will be ready for this weekend. Johnson typed up the agenda and sent it out for the Monday Park and Rec meeting. The rest of the mowers were taken out of storage and taken to the shop so that they are ready to roll once the grass takes off.

This past month park and cemetery employees took down another dead ash tree in block 18 at Woodlawn, and the cemetery crew had two more full burials to prepare. The park employees chained picnic tables together at Platt and Redgate to keep the tables from being dragged out. At Woodlawn the employees have been busy taking concrete foundation orders this week as the public has until Friday the 21<sup>st</sup> to submit their orders as explained in all public notices. The cemetery crew were busy removing sand, compacting, and putting down black dirt and sod on winter graves utilizing their new sod cutter which was a CIP item this last year. The park employees were busy at the aquatic center installing a shade structure on the south deck which will be much appreciated by patrons and be a great benefit for swim team meets. Transco finished blasting and painting the Woodlawn sign this month as the guys delivered the sign to Woodlawn. Work



continues at the pool, mulching various areas and checking all lighting. We held the final session for paperwork for the pool kids this Wednesday at City Hall. The campground had a good first weekend as the weather was great for the first part. On the third Monday Johnson held the April Park and Rec meeting at City Hall to go over progress in all the departments. This month we learned that the tree board was awarded the growth award for their work completed this past year!







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#### DOWNTOWN MULCH



LOAD BOARD



NEW REGISTERS

GUARD SEATS REPLACED





## PRESCRIBED BURNING



ELECTRICAL SERVICE

ROCK DELIVERED



FOUNTAIN PAINTING

SPREADING ROCK







WOODLAWN SIGN

POOL FILTER MAINTENANCE



MULCHING

SIDEWALK PREP

BENCH FOUNDATION







MORE ASH TREE REMOVAL





# LAST SNOW OF YEAR

#### SECURE PICNIC TABLES









SHADE STRUCTURE





ORGANIZED SHOPS

SIGN DELIVERED

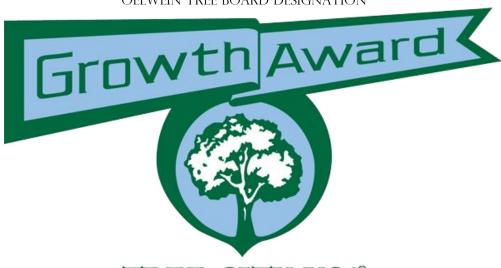


MULCHED AREAS

CHECKING LIGHTING



OELWEIN TREE BOARD DESIGNATION



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GRAVE PREP D3 FENCING



DIAMOND PREP

22 YEARS – TREE CITY!



AED/CPR TRAINING

GRAVE PREP

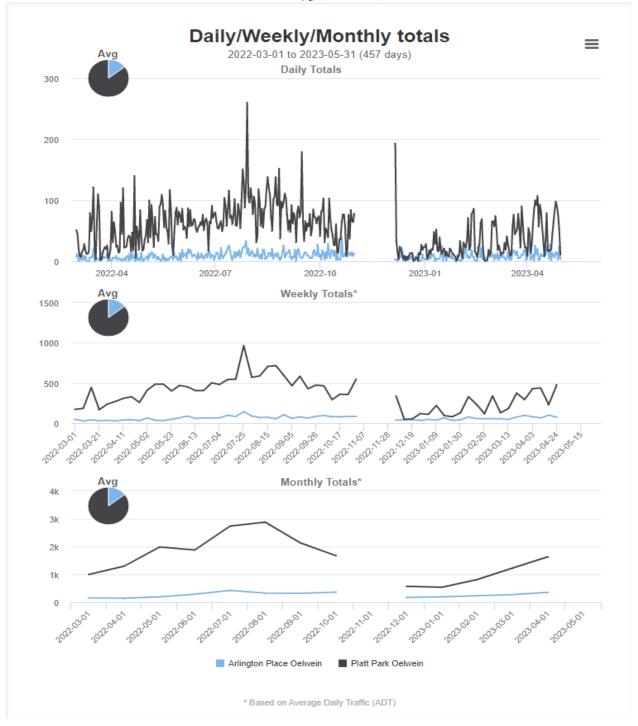


BBALL HOOPS REIDY PARK



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# **Master Summary**

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Year	Site	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	ADT <sup>†</sup>	ADT <sup>†</sup> x365	Days with data
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									8.817	3,218	120
	Platt Park Oelwein	543	816	1,229	1,635									35.192	12,845	120

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

<sup>\* =</sup> 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
- ➤ EMPLOYEE INTERVIEWS/ORIENTATIONS/VIDEOS

### **PROGRESS ON PROJECTS**

- ➤ STBG TRAIL GRANT
- > 2022 TREE CITY DESIGNATION
- ➤ 2022 GROWTH AWARD
- WEBSITE UPDATING
- > PRAIRIE PLANTINGS BURNED
- > WINTER GRAVES SODDED
- ➤ TRAIL EASEMENTS/GRANTS
- ➤ WORK ON PARK AND REC MASTER PLAN
- ➤ ASH TREE REMOVAL
- > UTILITY POLES REPLACED CAMPGROUND
- > SHADE INSTALLATION AT POOL

- ➤ DIAMOND 3 FENCING
- > TRIM TREES ALONG TRAILS
- > DOWNTOWN MULCHED
- POOL LOW BOARD REPLACED
- > CPR/AED TRAINING
- > FOUNDATIONS FORMED
- ARBOR DAY PROCLAMATION
- ➤ DAY OF CARING PREP
- ➤ POOL EMPLOYEE PAPERWORK DONE
- ➤ LIFEGUARD CERTIFICATIONS

#### **NEXT MONTH AND FUTURE PROJECTS**

- > REMOVE OLD WELL HOUSES CITY PARK
- > DRINKING FOUNTAIN PLATT PARK
- ➤ REPLACE DECKING ON OLD BRIDGE
- ➤ GRANT WRITING
- ➤ ASH TREE REMOVAL
- ➤ POOL FILTER/DRAIN PROJECT
- ➤ TRAIL SEGMENT 2
- ➤ TRAIL SEGMENTS 4/5 ALIGNMENT
- ➤ PLAYGROUND MULCH WINGS
- ➤ GOALSETTER HOOPS AT REIDY

- ➤ AQUATICS WORK
- ➤ LATHAM BENCHES INSTALL
- ➤ CEMETERY SIGN INSTALL
- > PATCH PARK/CEMETERY ROADS
- ➤ GRINDING STUMPS
- > SPRING FOUNDATIONS
- ➤ DIRT WORK COMPLEX
- > UNITED WAY DAY OF CARING
- ➤ MULCH AT PLATT PARK

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