



## OCTOBER 2023 PARK MONTHLY REPORT

This month in the park departments the employees have been very industrious carrying out numerous assignments. This past month we received a resurfacing kit for the memorial benches that I requested and have been brightening up many of these benches placed along the trail system. The DNR stopped in at City Park and stocked the lake with just over 400 catfish that were 7" in length as they do every other year. Danny C. has been working on placing a fresh coat of paint on the storage building at the cemetery. The cemetery employees installed some more forms as we plan on pouring concrete next week. This month the park employees installed the disc golf course sign at Platt Park for patrons to utilize. We had the employees spade 70 holes between Platt Park and the sports complex this past month in anticipation of the large-scale tree planting we had scheduled for the 4<sup>th</sup>. We picked up 116 trees on Tuesday morning between Manske's Corner Market and Cannons Greenhouse, 70 are for the DNR planting and the rest are for our Trees Forever planting on the 18<sup>th</sup>. We had a great turn out with tree board members, park and rec commission members, Ellie Jones with the DNR, East Penn employees, and Fidelity Bank employees, Dylan, and some community members there to help. Projects like this take an immense amount of preparation beforehand but everyone felt we did a great job as we had all 70 trees planted in about 2.5 hours. We planted a dozen different species of trees with this planting to diversify as always. The tree board members did a great job of stepping in and helping with the initial tree planting demonstration given by the DNR representative. The 50 trees planted at Platt Park are replenishing the ash tree loss, as we have taken 68 ash trees out of that park alone. At the complex we planted 20 trees along the entrances of the front diamonds to provide some shade and wind block for the rec programs and to replace the ash trees we lost. This grant included funding to purchase new t-posts to hold the tree in position. Also, the green watering bags on the bottoms of the trees which we fill with water and the bags slowly release the water over several hours. The park employees completed some mowing of high areas this week and the soccer field lines were repainted for the rec program.

This past week concrete was poured, completing cemetery foundations, a memorial bench foundation and sign foundations. Vandalism in the parks has picked up with people burning things in bathrooms and destroying signs. A soap dispenser at Platt Park was set ablaze and the skate park sign was damaged. We removed the shade structure at Depot Park for the winter before the rain showed up that day. At Wings Park two large ash trees were dropped by Dave Mauer as they were just too challenging for the employees to take down. At the aquatic facility, Carrico Aquatics has been busy installing the new filters and piping. The new valves are being marked and labeled as required and piping labeled per job requirements. I have been busy lining up some final locations for our Trees Forever planting and calling in locates. This month the department received a very generous donation from Greg Bryan to buy \$2,000 worth of trees for the community. For the Trees Forever planting, everyone met on Wednesday morning and travelled to the first planting location to give a proper tree demonstration and split up from there. The employees are moving around to the different facilities winterizing bathrooms as we are starting to get near freezing temperatures in the mornings. The employees clean the remaining bathrooms in the mornings and clean the downtown flowerbeds. I have two young adults that started their senior seminar project at Wings Park staining the dugouts for the ball diamonds. The cemetery crew moved trash cans to the back for the winter, brought up the propane tanks and grave heaters, prepared two cremation burials this week and winterized the water lines. I am working on a grant for matching money for a CIP item and have follow-up reports on our past tree planting and working on the Trees Forever grant for next year.

A pair of kids that are also lifeguards for the city during the summer, are preparing the concessions area for painting for their senior project. I met with two more students that are preparing to start working on the bocce ball court at Redgate Park. Craig and Carolyn Rohrick did a fantastic job once again this season as we had our second highest occupancy rate ever this year. The park employees installed the new handicap signs at the complex that went missing. The cemetery crew had two cremation burials this past Saturday and removed forms from the concrete foundations we poured. On Wednesday the 18<sup>th</sup> we conducted our second large tree planting this year with several volunteers. The tree board was awarded \$4,000 for the Branching Out grant through Trees Forever that is funded through Alliant Energy. Tree board members are tasked with going out and talking with community members who wish to plant trees in the city right of way in front of their property. We hosted another successful tree planting as we planted 42 trees (not 30) in around two hours once again. The city employees with

the park and cemetery did great, as several of them have been off work sick these past two weeks. I will have follow-up reports for these tree plantings to complete and will apply for next year's grant proposal by the end of the month. Carrico Aquatics was in to finish a few odds and ends with the filter project as that project is wrapped up. Friday was Mal Harding's last day with the park department as he took a new full-time job, so we are shuffling employees around to finish a few final tasks to wrap up the season. The employees clean downtown every morning and sweep trails weekly as the leaves are really starting to drop. Ash tree removal hit the 300 mark yesterday as 168 ash trees were removed this season with 132 ash trees removed last season.

On Monday morning on the 23<sup>rd</sup> the cemetery employees were forced to dig a grave right away during early morning light and, in the rain, because proper notice was not given on a full burial for that morning by the funeral home. This month I have been busy with follow-up reports with the two large tree plantings that we have completed in the past two weeks. I have also been working on completing the grant proposal for next year with Trees Forever to plant more trees in street boulevard areas. Thank you, letters were sent out to everyone that helped with these plantings this week as well. A morning was spent removing identification tags off trees and documenting where each species of the trees was planted at Platt Park and the complex. The weather has not cooperated this week with rain, but the employees have been busy completing tasks when possible. The park and cemetery spent much of their week at the library trimming trees and bushes. Chris took the stump grinder around and continued to work on tree stumps in some of the parks and at the pool. This time of year, we are clearing the trails when we can as the leaves are really starting to drop. Unfortunately, we had some more vandalism at Wings Park as they kicked in the door at diamond one that we boarded up. At Depot Park, the park employees planted a tree for the VFW guys in memory of John McBride. Ash tree removal continues as the guys took another seven trees down that takes the total to 176 this year. I completed a grant proposal to the Fayette County Community Foundation for matching funds to purchase more lounge chairs for the aquatic center.

#### MEMORIAL BENCHES BEFORE AND AFTER



FISH STOCKING



PAINTING



FORMS



DISC GOLF SIGN



TREE SPADING



TREES





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### TREE SPECIES PLANTED:

- TULIP TREE
- PIN OAK
- WHITE OAK
- ELM
- HACKBERRY
- OHIO BUCKEYE
- KENTUCKY COFFEE TREE
- YELLOW WOOD
- BUR OAK
- CATALPA

### POURED FOUNDATIONS



### VANDALISM



### WINTERIZING





DEPOT SHADE CANOPY



ASH TREES



TREE WATERING



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NEW FILTER/PIPING INSTALLATION





SENIOR SEMINAR PROJECTS



WINTERIZING



NEW SIGNS



FOUNDATIONS



TREE PLANTING PREP







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### **VOLUNTEERS**

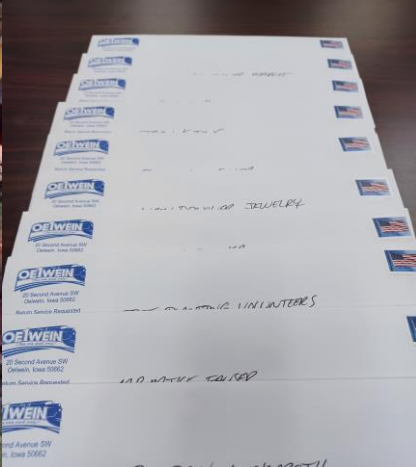
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DEVIN WEVER - ALLIANT ENERGY  
PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEMBER JOE BOUSKA  
BOB BOUSKA  
EAST PENN EMPLOYEES  
FIDELITY BANK EMPLOYEES  
ALPHA TRAILERS EMPLOYEES  
PARK AND CEMETERY EMPLOYEES  
TAMMY BENTER - VAN DENOVER JEWELRY  
DYLAN MULFINGER & JON KING



EARLY MORNING GRAVE



THANK YOU LETTERS



TREE IDENTIFICATION



LIBRARY WORK



LIBRARY

STUMP GRINDING



TRAIL CLEARING

VANDALISM





TREE PLANTING



ASH TREE REMOVAL



FINAL REPORTS COMPLETED



GRANT SUBMITTED



FAYETTE COUNTY  
**COMMUNITY  
FOUNDATION**

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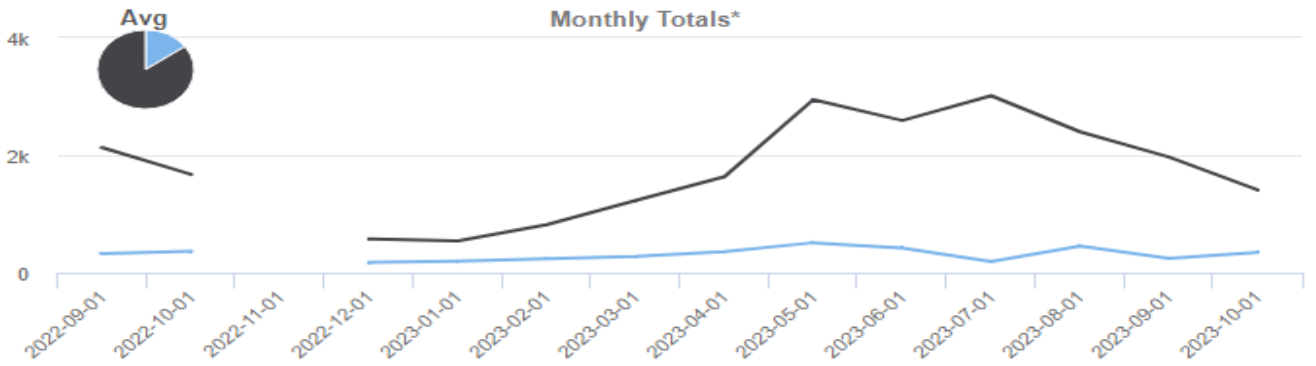
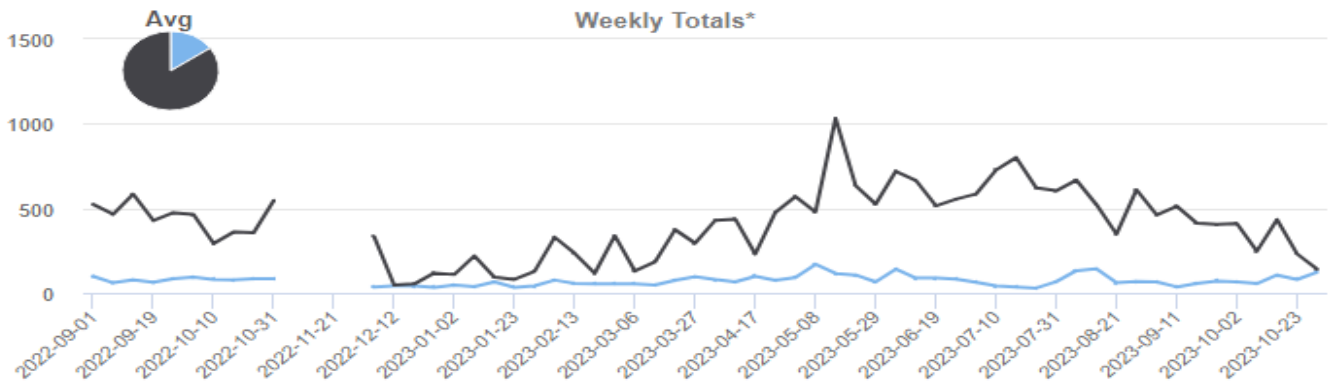
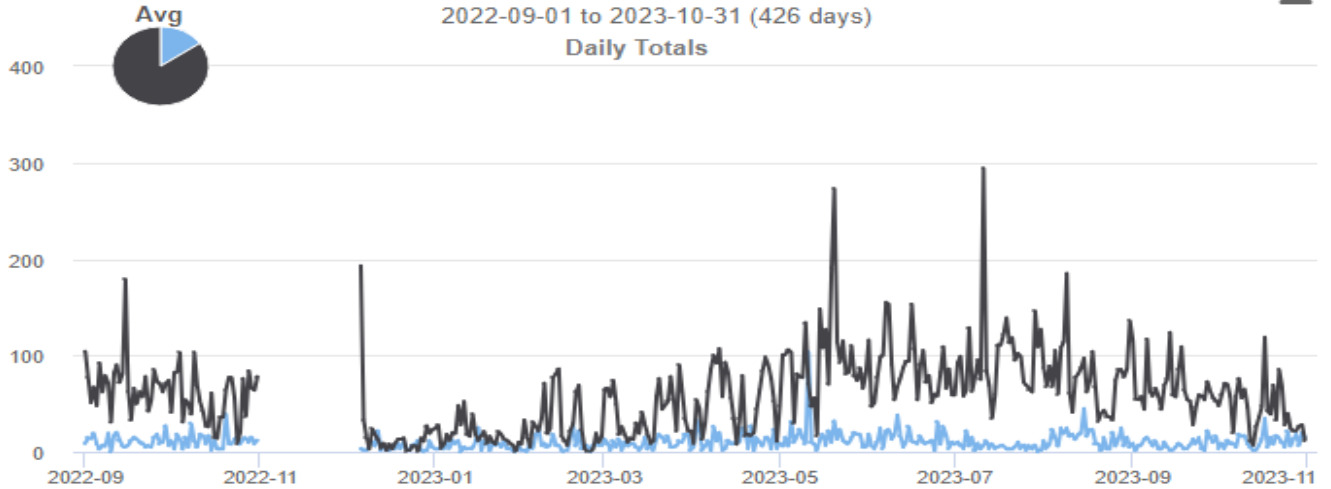


# Daily/Weekly/Monthly totals

2022-09-01 to 2023-10-31 (426 days)



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■ Arlington Place Oelwein ■ Platt Park Oelwein

## 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
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			10,586	3,864	304
	Platt Park Oelwein	543	816	1,229	1,635	2,948	2,592	3,013	2,399	1,969	1,411			61,036	22,278	304

ADT† = Average Daily Traffic

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

### TOTAL TRAIL COUNTS

2021 - 25,393

2022 - 21,827

2023 - 26,142 THUS FAR

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### 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
- WINTERIZING FACILITIES
- DRAG GRAVELED AREAS / SWEEP TRAILS

### PROGRESS ON PROJECTS

- WEBSITE UPDATING
- TRAIL EASEMENTS/GRANTS
- WORK ON PARK AND REC MASTER PLAN
- GRINDING STUMPS
- ASH TREE REMOVAL 176-23'
- TRAIL MAINTENANCE
- PLAYGROUND IMPROVEMENTS
- POOL FILTER INSTALLED
- SHADE STRUCTURE REMOVED DEPOT PARK
- FALL FOUNDATIONS POURED
- WINTERIZING FACILITIES
- COMMUNITY FORESTRY GRANT TREE PLANTING OCTOBER 4<sup>TH</sup>
- TREES FOREVER TREE PLANTING OCTOBER 18<sup>TH</sup>
- FINISHED DOWNTOWN TRIMMING
- CEMETERY ARCHING SIGN INSTALL
- CLOSE UP CAMPGROUND FOR SEASON
- SNOW EQUIPMENT FROM STORAGE

### NEXT MONTH AND FUTURE PROJECTS

- REMOVE OLD WELL HOUSES CITY PARK
- REPURPOSE OLD WINGS BRIDGE
- GRANT WRITING
- ASH TREE REMOVAL
- TRAIL SEGMENT 2
- TRAIL SEGMENTS 4/5 ALIGNMENT
- SETUP ICE RINK
- GRINDING STUMPS
- DIRT WORK COMPLEX
- PAINT ACCENT BRICK – POOL
- REMOVE PRIMITIVE AT REDGATE
- PLAYGROUND SLIDES – CITY PARK
- FLAGPOLE DIAMOND 3
- BUDGET ITEMS

JOSHUA JOHNSON MA  
OELWEIN PARK SUPERINTENDENT

