



Minutes

Park & Rec Meeting

City Park – Railroad Shelter

Monday June 17th, 2024 - 5:15 PM

Park and Recreation

www.oelweinparks.org

Call to Order: 5:18pm

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

Attending: Bouska, Burkhart, Johnson, Garrigus, Meska, Stasi

Absent: Gearhart, Jorgensen

Approval of Minutes:

- Consideration of a motion approving the minutes of the May 20th, 2024, meeting:

Motion:	Meska	2 nd :	Stasi
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Aye:	All	Nay:	None
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Citizen Comments: None

Recreation Update: Burkhart stated that little league has a few weeks left in the season with around 200 participants. Blast ball and tee ball are wrapping up in the next couple weeks as well as the travel teams. July first is when things change over to the non-profit Burkhart explained as she will be working just in the wellness center. Burkhart stated they will still hold a youth tennis camp and new pricing on everything will come out. Burkhart talked about the civic program as they are getting closer to launching. Bouska asked if there would be a representative reporting to the board. Burkhart stated her concerns that there is a time and place for travel teams and that some of the lower income families might be excluded from participating. Meska had questions about the funding of the rec programs and where that money was coming from as the conversation continued.

Pirillo Memorial Bench-Redgate Park: Johnson stated that Jamie Pirillo contacted Johnson about installing a memorial bench in Redgate Park. Johnson stated that Pirillo would like to place the bench on the SW corner of the bocce ball court. Johnson provided a map of the location to the board so they could see exactly where the bench is to be placed.

- Consideration of a motion approving the Pirillo memorial bench for Redgate Park:

Motion:	Meska	2 nd :	Stasi
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Aye:	All	Nay:	None
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Trails Update: Johnson stated that they had \$171,000 come available in TAP funding through upper explorer land. These funds were voted to go towards a project with Clayton County, but they decided not to do the project, so it must be voted on. Johnson stated that he applied for the funding as he always will keep trying to get more funding for projects. Johnson stated that the project would be part of the 10th street SW bridge replacement project.

Aquatics Update: Johnson stated that they had their inspection with the head state inspector three days before opening for the season. Johnson stated that the inspection went well and there are a few things that they need to attend to. The inspector wanted bonding included with number 6 solid wire which was taken care of already and the pool heater needed to have a gfcı breaker on it which also has been completed. Johnson stated that the pool water fill line moved to a different location, which is a project that they can complete themselves. Johnson stated that the flow meter quit working and that he is getting quotes from contractors to get it replaced. Johnson stated that the new boiler is doing awesome keeping the water at a very consistent temperature. Johnson stated that the guards went through the first round of swim lessons with the summer school program with 139 kids that went through the course. Johnson stated that the second round of swim lessons started today with 27 kids enrolled and right now there are 29 enrolled in the last session (195). Johnson stated that the swim team utilized the pool facility on Saturday and will again use it this Tuesday for the second of its three home meets they have each year. Johnson stated that they have sold 181 season passes while giving away 67 season passes to city employees. Johnson stated that the pool manager has done a great job with the facility and has a great working relationship with the staff. Johnson stated that Kim has been going out of her way to help all kids and to be accommodating to the kids that need extra attention to get acclimated to the water. Johnson stated that Kim has done excellent with the concession stand this year as they worked together trying new items and keeping the selection new.

3-Meter Diving Board Discussion: Johnson stated that during the filter inspection that the inspector talked to him about the three-meter board. Johnson gave each of the board members a copy of the information given to him about concerns with the board. Johnson stated that he has talked with contractors and was told Decorah replaced their steps with staircases, and landings with railings and that ran around \$50,000 with the engineering, material and installation. Johnson proposed several ideas to the commission as a change was recommended by the inspector. Options include raising the age of people to use the slide to 14, removing the board all together, replacing possibly with another 1-meter board, installing stairs with landings and railings, removing the board and installing a climbing wall along the east wall.

Parks / Cemetery Update:

On Saturday May 18th, Johnson stated that they put up hundreds of flags at Woodlawn Cemetery for the Memorial Day weekend. We had great weather for the event and just enough volunteers to get it done in a timely manner. With the high windstorm that next week, there was a tree on the north end of Woodlawn that dropped and approximately 50 flag poles were blown over. The poles were brought back to the shop that evening so the legion guys could cut the poles and reinstall them the next day. On Memorial weekend went great as the park employees helped with some extra trimming at Woodlawn Cemetery as they were dodging the rainy days that week. Please stop and thank the park and cemetery employees as they have been working through the rainy days this spring to make sure everything is getting done. On Tuesday we had flooding at City Park, we lost a large maple at Platt Park. There is another part of a tree at Platt Park the is too dangerous for us to remove so we will have it dropped by a contractor and have the park closed off for now. All the park employees spent a lot of time at Depot Park last week making sure we could help in any way with the Oelwein Celebration. Flooding occurred at City Park down by the bridge just before Memorial Day as we barricaded off roads, but the waters receded quickly. P. Mahoney has been coming in in the mornings to water the hanging baskets downtown. This past month we had the garage door replaced at the diamond one maintenance building. This project was a CIP project that is a much more secure door that will stand up for many years. The park and cemetery employees have been busy cleaning up wind damage from the past two weeks as we have had several trees go down. The park employees started mowing the area south of Leo's building this week as well as all other properties when they can as certain areas have to be left with all the rain we have been getting. Signage at parks is being replaced as an ongoing process. The holding tank at Redgate Park was emptied this week and the trees that went down at City Park were cleaned up as well.

The employees are busy mowing and trimming properties, catching up as we have had a few days with no rain to get into some areas that were previously not possible. The campground has been steady this past month with some new visitors staying. Johnson had Nate take the sickle mower around some of the waterways and trails to trim. At Woodlawn, Johnson explained that there has been a request to move an infant burial for the

Stasi family to a different location, next to the parents in Woodlawn. Johnson stated that the permits and other arrangements need to be finished by the funeral home so they can proceed.

Johnson finished up the city AmeriCorps application this past week and sent in to apply for several of their people to come to Oelwein this fall as their application is quite extensive. Projects include tree trimming at City Park, around the lake area, disc golf, tree trimming several parks, trails. Help cleaning up the plantings in the downtown streetscape. Three planned tree plantings, Trees Forever planting trees in the street boulevards, gravel bed trees in parks and cemeteries and Johnson is planning on applying for Community Forestry grant in August that will match up to \$5,000 per community that they received last fall. Johnson stated that all but one of the bare root trees has leafed out in the gravel bed located behind the shop made possible by Mr. Greg Bryan.

Yellow Tile Diamond Project: In the park department we completed a much-anticipated project installing yellow safety tile on three of the five diamonds. Johnson stated that Joe Bouska and he talked to several area businesses about this project to raise funds to complete. Johnson stated that they raised over \$3,000 to complete this safety project which is visually stunning. Johnson stated that they wanted to complete this project during the United Way – Day of Caring but the tile did not arrive on time unfortunately. Johnson stated that Bouska helped install the tile on diamond three at Wings early in the morning when they got half of the tile on the 6' high fence. Johnson said they then went to the sports complex around 10am to meet Jake Blitzsch, Harvey Richardson and Jim Tafolla to put the tile on diamonds A&B that took about half the time to complete. Johnson stated that this project was a great project to complete that looks great and is looking for other avenues for funding to complete diamonds one and two at Wings Park. Thank-you letters have been typed up ready to send out once Bouska and Johnson both sign them after the meeting.

Johnson stated that the following companies contributed to funding this project in order of most donated:

- Carrico Aquatic Resources Inc.
- American Legion Post 9 & Jake Blitzsch
- Women's Auxiliary Unit 9 & Sharon Link
- Community Bank of Oelwein
- Dr. Jenna Schares DDS
- Veridian Credit Union
- Dr. Clint Berryman DDS
- Van Denver Jewelry
- Ken's Electric Inc.
- Vogel Insurance
- Irvine Water

Open Meeting Review: Johnson provided a copy of the state open meeting laws that he pulled from the state website. Johnson reviewed the board rules that the commission must follow for their monthly meetings.

Board Member Updates: None

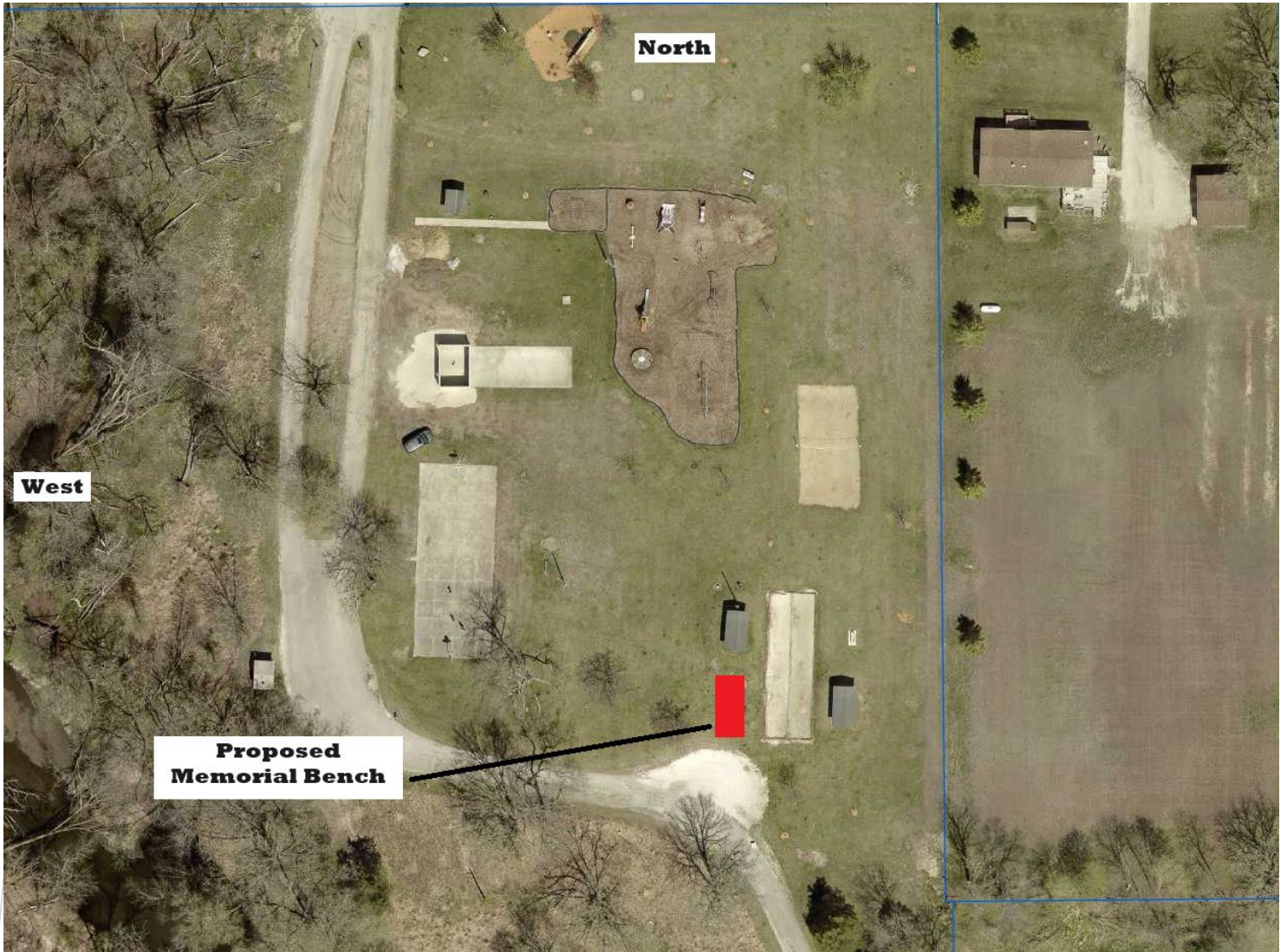
Adjournment: 6:02PM

Next Meeting: July 15th, 2024

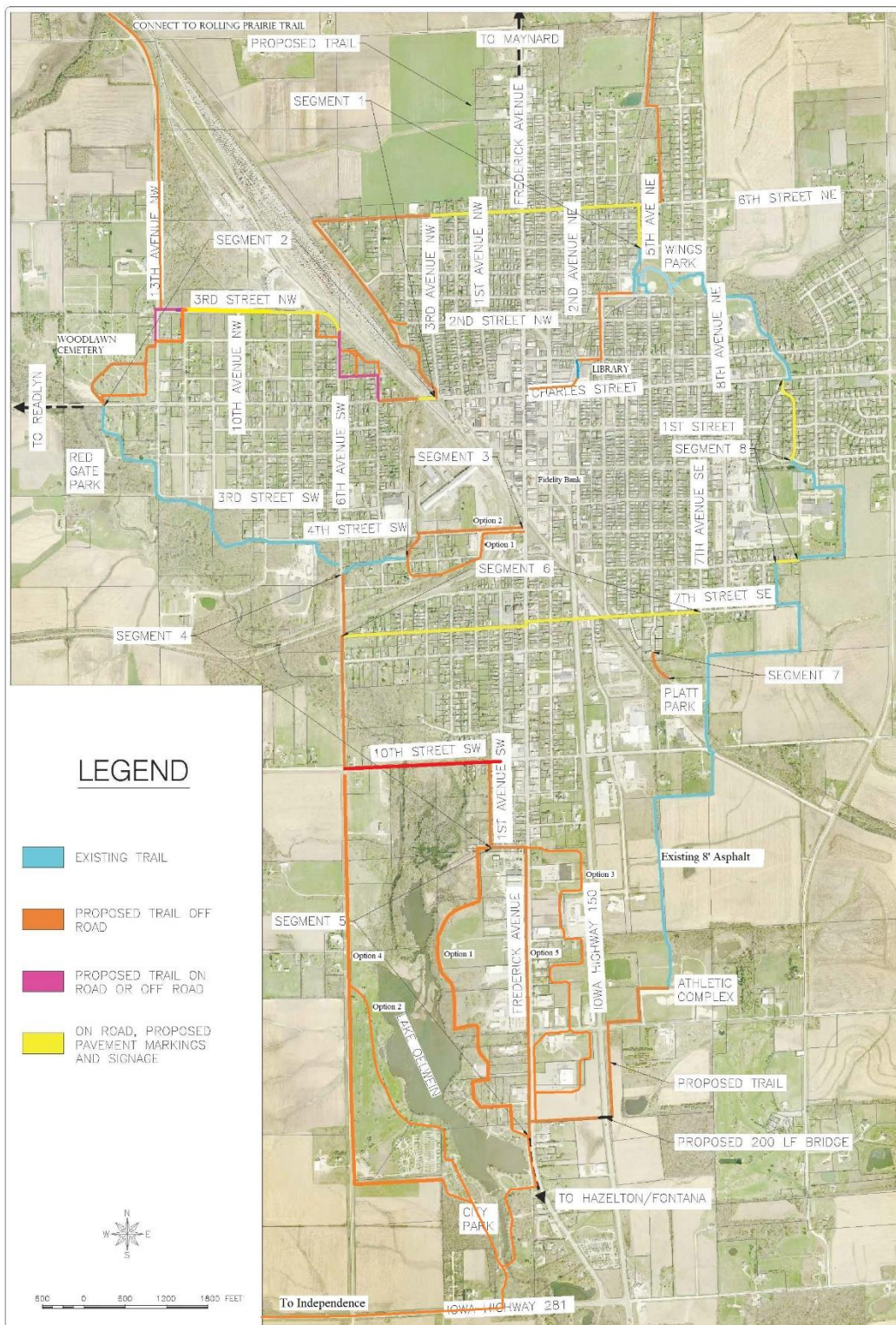
Additional Information:

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Proposed Pirillo Memorial Bench:



Trails Update:



RECREATION TRAIL SYSTEM CITY OF OELWEIN

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ORIENTATION



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SWIM LESSONS



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PLAYGROUND FIRE



FLOODING



DOWNTOWN FLOWERS



NEW DOOR



MOWING



SIGNAGE



REDGATE



STORM DAMAGE





GRAVEL BED TREES





Yellow Fence Topper



COMPLEX DIAMONDS



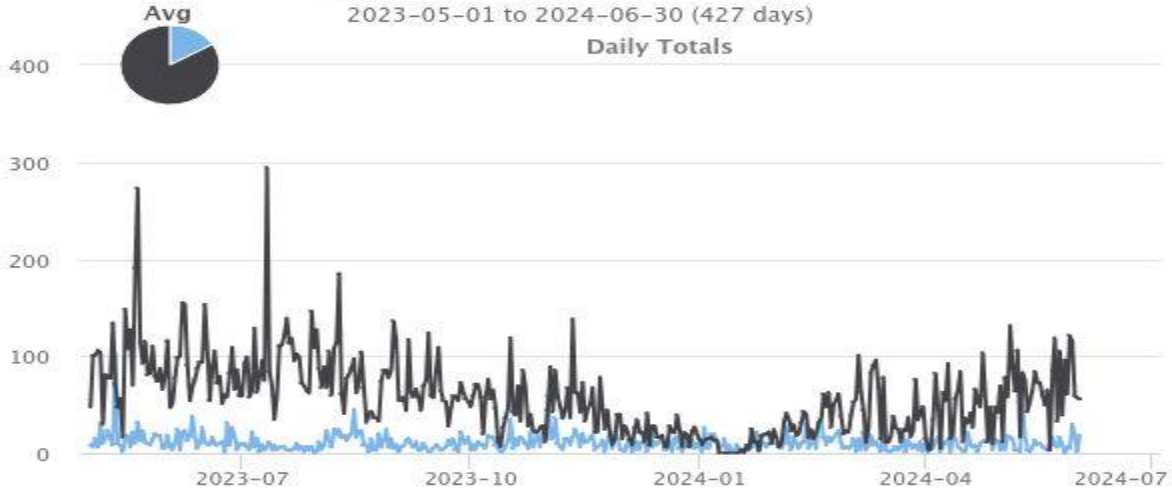


TRAIL COUNTS

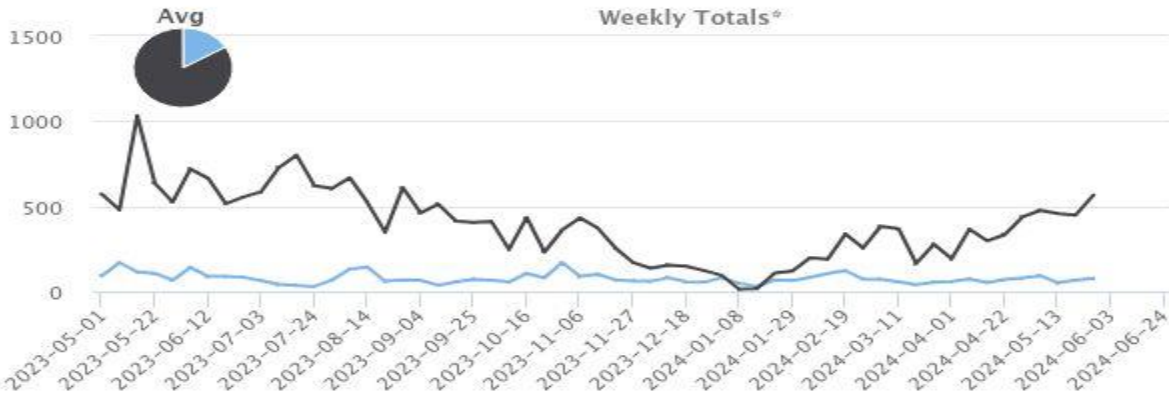
Daily/Weekly/Monthly totals

2023-05-01 to 2024-06-30 (427 days)

Daily Totals



Weekly Totals*



Monthly Totals*



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
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	319	300*							9.792	3,584	154
	Platt Park Oelwein	287	930	1,305	1,276	2,181	1,695*							39.558	14,478	154

ADT† = Average Daily Traffic

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



**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	386
June	332	369	585	494	633	489	455	590	404	493	695	723	396	289	474	407	464	254
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	

Woodlawn Cemetery

- 17 full burials
- 3 cremations

Shelter Reservations

- 20



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
- PARK MAINTENANCE
- GRANT WORK

PROGRESS ON PROJECTS

- WEBSITE UPDATING
- TRAIL EASEMENTS/GRANTS
- WORK ON PARK AND REC MASTER PLAN
- TRAIL MAINTENANCE
- GRINDING STUMPS
- CIVICREC WORK
- UNITED WAY – DAY OF CARING
- SWEEPING TRAILS/STREETS
- AMERICORPS APPLICATION SUBMITTED
- WORKED ON TAP FUNDING APPLICATION
- POOL BOILER REPLACEMENT COMPLETED
- SWIM LESSONS STARTED
- FILTER STATE INSPECTION COMPLETED
- FINAL ASH TREE REMOVAL
- TRAIL BILL SIGNED INTO LAW
- DOWNTOWN BASKETS PUT UP
- CPR MANIKINS RECEIVED
- GRAVEL BED COMPLETED - TREES PLANTED
- THANK YOU LETTERS SENT FOR UNITED WAY
- LIFEGUARD CERTIFICATIONS COMPLETED

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
- UTILITIES TO PLANT TREES IN CHRYSLER
- BOARD AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS
- FIX WATER SHUTOFFS AT CEMETERY
- FLAGPOLE DIAMOND 3

JOSHUA JOHNSON MA
OELWEIN PARK SUPERINTENDENT

