



PARKS MONTHLY UPDATE, JULY 2022
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Park and Recreation

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This month the guys have been busy completing all the mowing and some extra trimming of our facilities being very short handed with staff. We were able to take the sickle mower out and knock down some areas along the trails. This past month we had several full burials and cremation burials at Woodlawn to prepare. The guys started taking down some of the ash trees at Woodlawn as well that were planted along the waterway years ago. The park guys installed new goal setter basketball hoops at City Park this month that are a CIP item. We took the maintainer to the sports complex parking lot to smooth out any ruts. At the pool we finished our second session of swim lessons this month. Miller Construction installed the new window for the concession area earlier this month as well. This window is located on the south side of the building so that the concession staff can now see the pool area.

This past month we completed sweeping of the cemetery roads that will be seal coated soon with the trails brush. Iowa Northern Railroad dropped off the gates for the railroad crossing for the trail segment three project that will be starting in the next couple weeks. We set up another set of basketball hoops at Wings as we are repurposing the old tennis courts. As time permits, we will set up two more hoops in this area as these are CIP items. Nate took time out of his schedule to drag a few diamonds for the rec program early this month. At the cemetery the employees replaced the fascia on the storage building that was damaged by a tree. The park employees pressure sprayed the mowers at the end of the day on Friday to keep equipment running great. Last week I attended the Upper explorer land meeting in Decorah as we talked about various funding sources coming available for trails. On Monday evening I hosted the park and rec meeting at City Hall. This month I had Nate attend a safety demonstration at the FD to learn about proper usage of respirators in the morning. On the 20th all employees attended the citywide annual safety meeting/lunch at the FD as well. After the safety meeting I met Eric Heinan with the health department for our scheduled annual inspection of the aquatic facility. Eric checks everything from ground fault outlets to rescue equipment to water chemistry logs to guard certifications. Once again, Eric found no deficiencies at all with the facility and complimented us on how the facility is doing. After the aquatic's inspection, I attended a seminar at city hall for the supervisors. Also, this month we had the photo eye replaced at the aquatic center that controls the night lights that went bad. At the pool we started the third and final, two-week session of group swim lessons for the year.

This week in the park department we have been super busy completing tasks with very limited staff. The guys have mowed and trimmed all the city properties. On Monday, we set out to cleanup storm damage in the parks as most of the damage was smaller branches but had to use the bucket truck to get up into some trees to cut down hangers. We also stopped by the library on Monday to help them and pick up their storm damage. Cooper took the brush to the skate park and cleaned it up for the kids. Cooper and I also dragged and marked diamond one Tuesday evening for the rec program. Chris and Dion were busy sodding the past few burials that we had recently at Woodlawn. The guys repaired a swing set at Wings that was damaged recently and repaired some fencing on the ball diamond as well. Russ and Cooper straightened out some park benches at Reidy Park that heaved some with the frost this year. The guys at Woodlawn had a cremation burial this week as well that they prepared. At Wings the guys set two more basketball hoop anchors at the old tennis courts and will hopefully get the structures up next week. This week the park department mowed a few delinquent properties for community development. The trails were swept on Monday to cleanup storm damage as well and empty City properties were cleaned and mowed. The prairie flowers are really blooming this time of year as it is more important to create pollinator habitats as the monarch butterfly was recently placed on the endangered list once again. I worked with the school to help split the bill to have 200 ton of road rock delivered to the sports complex that we spread out. This time we concentrated on rocking the two entrances and west side of the parking lot. The guys spent extra time at the complex trimming and making it look great for the circus event on Saturday. Chris took the drag to the north roads of the cemetery this week and turned over the mulch pile at the cemetery. At the aquatic center we had the EMC representative walk through and look at the facility on Wednesday. We are finishing up the last of the swim lessons this week at the pool and had the motor in the pool cleaner replaced as it was still under warranty. Work on trail segment three is supposed to start very shortly starting in Levin Park along 4th St. SW to downtown.



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SICKLE MOWER



GRAVE PREP



ASH TREE REMOVAL



GOAL SETTER HOOPS





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GOALSETTERS



GRADING

CONCESSIONS WINDOW



Road sweeping

RR gates





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GOAL SETTERS AT WINGS



MOWING



DRAGGING DIAMONDS



AQUATICS INSPECTION



BUILDING REPAIR

EQUIPMENT CLEANING





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NEW PHOTO EYE



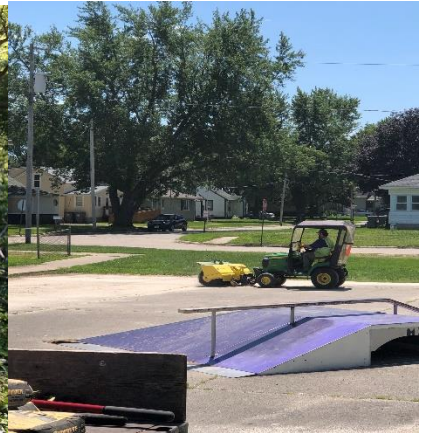
BURIAL PREP



STORM CLEANUP



SKATE PARK



SODDING



SWING REPAIR



REIDY BENCHES





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FENCE REPAIR



CREMATION PREP



BBALL HOOP ANCHORS



DELINQUENT PROPERTIES



TRAIL SWEEPING



NEW HOOPS



PRAIRIE PLANTS BLOOMING



WEED SPRAYING





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COMPLEX ROCKED



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WOODLAWN ROADS



MULCHED ROTATED

POOL CLEANER

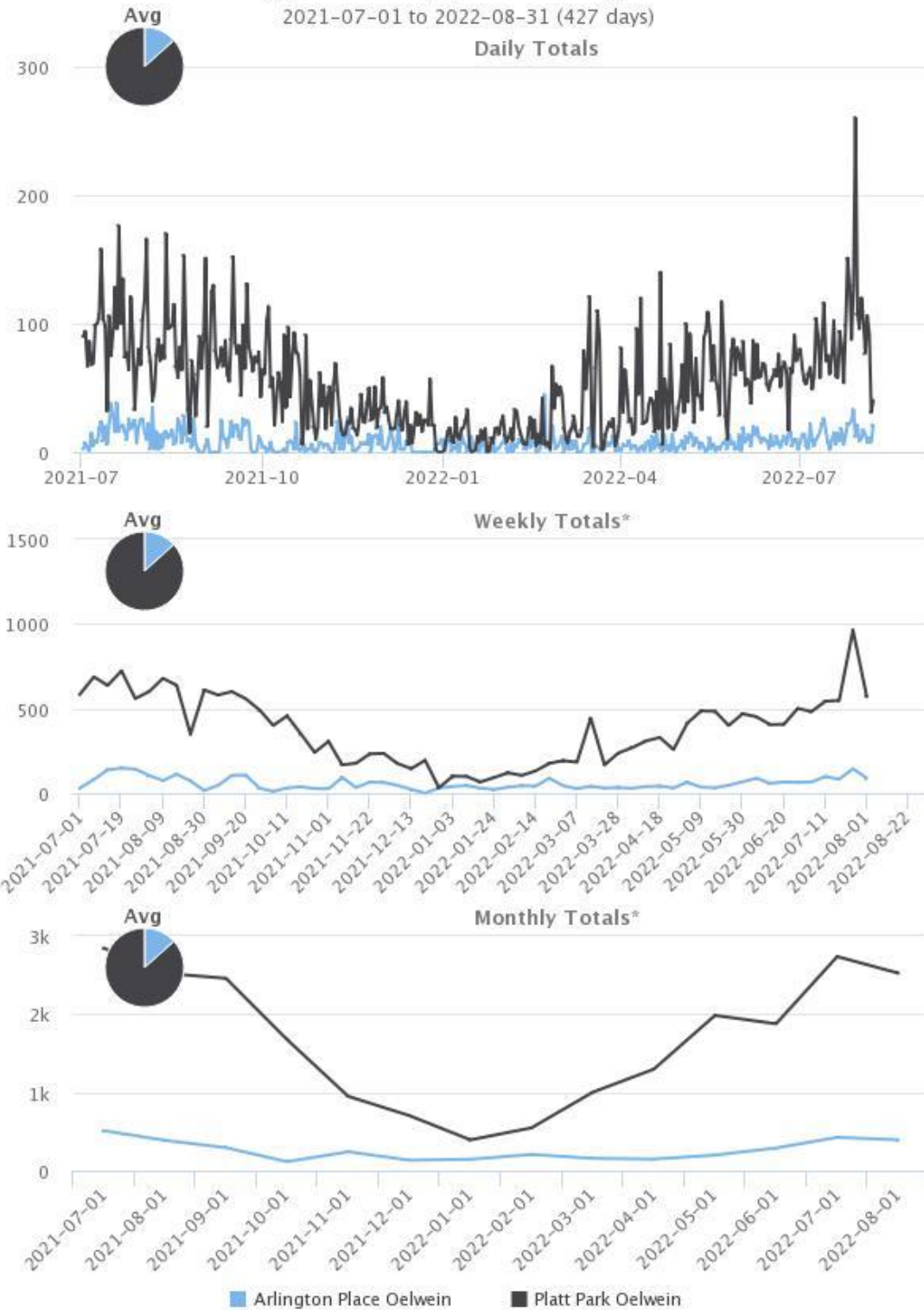




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Daily/Weekly/Monthly totals

2021-07-01 to 2022-08-31 (427 days)





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Daily Activities

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- ❖ Clean/organize shop and equipment
- ❖ Pick up garbage downtown
- ❖ Checking/maintaining parks, cemeteries
- ❖ Maintenance on equipment
- ❖ Order supplies for all departments
- ❖ Safety meetings
- ❖ Meet with contractors
- ❖ Retrieve & upload trail count data
- ❖ Daily water check on pool
- ❖ Weed spraying
- ❖ Water downtown flowers
- ❖ Trail sweeping

Progress on Projects

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- ❖ Website work ongoing
- ❖ Trail easements/grants
- ❖ Work on Park and Rec master plan
- ❖ Grant writing
- ❖ Order CIP Items
- ❖ Installing goalsetter hoops
- ❖ Ash tree removal
- ❖ Install concessions window
- ❖ Rock complex parking
- ❖ Replaced pool cleaner motor
- ❖ Pool inspection completed
- ❖ Submitted REAP grant to county

Next Month and Future Projects

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- ❖ Remove old well houses at City Park
- ❖ Drinking fountain install Platt Park
- ❖ Arching sign for entrance at Woodlawn
- ❖ Replace decking on old bridge
- ❖ Grant writing
- ❖ Install basketball hoops
- ❖ Trail Segment 3 – August
- ❖ Disc golf signage
- ❖ Ash tree removal
- ❖ Sealcoating roads
- ❖ Install solar umbrella at pool from ITC
- ❖ Pool filter project
- ❖ Prairie planting at Platt
- ❖ Diamond 3 in-field fencing

JOSHUA JOHNSON
OELWEIN PARK SUPERINTENDENT

