



PARKS MONTHLY REPORT, DECEMBER 2020
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This month in the park department, we have been completing our daily disinfecting of areas and cleaning the downtown every morning. I have been meeting with contractors for competing bids on several projects. We received the replacement slide for Red Gate Park, which we found, was damaged when we checked the equipment over from the first delivery. We spread more milkweed seed at Red Gate Park to develop a monarch waystation as a part of our pollinator project. Jay has been busy with the maintenance of the equipment this past week. Jay also took the south gate off City Park to straighten it out and paint it. We finished painting the office at the park maintenance building, which was in need of some fresh paint as we hold committee meetings their now. The trails committee met this week on Tuesday evening to go over our progress on writing grants, easements, and raising funds. I got the committee to start work on the state recreation trails grant through the DOT for matching funds for future trail development. On Wednesday morning, I attended a zoom meeting with upper explorer land with the enhancement committee where we talked about TAP funding for trails. At Woodlawn, we will have a full burial on Friday that we will be preparing this morning. Jay and I took advantage of the final warm weather with the help of Chris and Dan with the Cemetery to install the roof structure for the shelter job at Platt Park. The foundation was failing on the old structure so we were able to pull the roof off and save it as we will replace some trim pieces and paint the top in the spring to finish this job. The employees will also finish pouring the sidewalk to the north to connect to the east/west sidewalk to make this shelter wheelchair accessible and will install a drinking fountain as well. Saturday the 12th we came in to clear sidewalks from the snow event we received the previous night. I made an order for supplies in bulk for the upcoming season from rite price this past week. Jay has been continuing his efforts with the maintenance of the equipment at the shop. We had 2 cremation burials and 2 full burials at Woodlawn Cemetery this month. Dylan and I met with Doug Bryan again to look further into the Lake Oelwein project to knock out some details. I talked with the DNR Decorah fish hatchery to let them know where we were with his project and gave them a good idea of what fish the campers have been catching in the lake the last several years. I have been talking with the contractors about the red gate project so they have their information to City Hall before they start and we will met last week so everyone is on the same page with timelines. Last week I met with Fayette county economic development and tourism director, Mallory Hanson to demonstrate their trail counters that we are looking to purchase for the City to give us some much needed data point for grant writing. Both Mallory and Fayette county conservation director, Rod Marlatt came to Oelwein to talk with the trails committee to offer their assistance with trail development this past month.



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Replacement slide



Pollinators



Maintenance



Gate repair



Office painting completed





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Platt Park Shelter



Old

New



Sidewalk clearing

Supplies



Maintenance

Lake project





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Daily Activities

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- ❖ Sanitizing shop and equipment
- ❖ Pick up garbage downtown
- ❖ Checking/maintaining parks, cemeteries
- ❖ Monthly safety checklist
- ❖ Maintenance on equipment
- ❖ Order supplies for all departments
- ❖ Safety meetings
- ❖ 2 full burials and 2 cremations
- ❖ Meet with contractors

Progress on Projects

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- ❖ Website work
- ❖ Draining Lake Oelwein
- ❖ Meeting with contractors getting quotes on different projects
- ❖ Trail work/easements
- ❖ Continuing education classes
- ❖ Equipment maintenance started
- ❖ 2020 Tree City application submitted
- ❖ 2020 Growth Award application submitted
- ❖ Work on Park and Rec master plan
- ❖ County trails meeting
- ❖ Ordered new picnic tables for aquatic center

Next Month and Future Projects

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- ❖ Equipment maintenance
- ❖ Disc golf course install
- ❖ Diamond 3 fencing
- ❖ Website work
- ❖ Finish shelter at Platt Park
- ❖ Remove old well houses at City Park
- ❖ Drinking fountains install
- ❖ Replace campground doors
- ❖ Diamond 1 building work
- ❖ Arching sign for entrance at Woodlawn
- ❖ Memorial bench install
- ❖ Install ice rink
- ❖ Assemble new tables for aquatic center
- ❖ Wings door replacement
- ❖ CPO CEU class
- ❖ WIFI install campground
- ❖ Playground equip install Red Gate
- ❖ City Park electrical project
- ❖ Trail work/easements
- ❖ Electrical project at City Park
- ❖ Bathroom/shelter project at Red Gate Park
- ❖ Replace decking on old bridge
- ❖ Grant work
- ❖ Pool shelter install
- ❖ Motor/Pump replacement at pool
- ❖ Block signs at Woodlawn

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