



MARCH 2023 PARK MONTHLY REPORT

This month in the park department the employees several full burials and cremations at Woodlawn. This month this department learned that the Oelwein Tree Board was awarded the Trees Forever grant once again. This grant of **\$4,000** will be utilized purchasing trees for street boulevards this fall as we do every year. Johnson sent out the agenda for the tree board meeting scheduled for Monday evening. Also, this week the department was awarded **\$3,285** from the Delta Dental Foundation to purchase a new drinking fountain and water bottle filling station. This fountain will be installed on the outside of the shower house at the campground in City Park. Johnson arranged for Alliant Energy to replace an electrical pole at Woodlawn Cemetery so that the service line would be raised up to accommodate the new arching sign. Johnson has been working on trail development and working with the Community Development department in assigning 911 addresses to all the park and cemetery properties.

This month in the park department our trail engineer Jon and Johnson met with representatives at Transco to discuss a storm sewer line that comes off their property that will need to be fixed for the next trail segment. This month we learned that the tree board earned the Tree City designation once again for their work last year. On Monday night the tree board met at the park shop for our monthly meeting. Once the meeting concluded we did some minor tree trimming at City Hall and at the police department. Monday evening, I met with pool manager Kim Lawless as we are working on lining up lifeguarding certifications and getting everything ready for the upcoming season.

This month in the park department Nate and Johnson have been working on various projects getting ready to bring the employees back next week. This week Johnson submitted a grant proposal to AARP for a trails project. This week Johnson also received our yearly check from the foundation for trails for **\$250,000.00**. Nate was busy clearing out drain lines in the parks with the spring rains and attending safety classes. On the second Thursday evening Jessica and Johnson presented their proposal to the foundation that Johnson prepared. Johnson also created a 35-page PowerPoint presentation for that evening that we used. The rec vehicle was brought to the shop as it had exhaust issues that was fixed this last week. Nate and Johnson took advantage of a few cold mornings this month and removed two dying ash trees in vets park and hauled them out with the ground still being cold.

This month in the park department we started bringing back the employees that were with us last season to start some cleanup. The employees went through orientation once again like they do every year and watched a series of safety videos and hands on training. Some equipment was put into storage and other equipment brought back to the shop. On the third Monday evening, Johnson hosted the park and rec meeting at City Hall giving the board updates on all areas. Johnson reported that the aquatic center was awarded **\$126,750.00** for the filter and drain project from the charitable foundation. Johnson contacted contractors



already to update their pricing so the project can be bid on as soon as possible. The employees started cleaning up properties of sticks and debris from the winter months. Chris started grinding a few stumps in the cemetery this week as we have several to take care of this spring. Some fence repair was completed on the diamonds at Wings and guys started sweeping some of the trails. Nate installed the disc golf course signs at City Park this past week and replaced some trail crossing signage with high viz fluorescent green signs. Johnson prepared a preliminary list of projects for Joe Bouska with United Way so we can start planning out the Day of Caring in May. Johnson finished the proposal for completion of trail segment two and turned it in to City Hall.

This month in the park department the employees have been busy preparing facilities for the upcoming season. The employees have put up the volleyball nets at Redgate and City Park and the endless job of removing ash trees dredges on. The employees also started in on the infield fencing at diamond three as the bottom fencing has been curling up due to wear and tear over the seasons. This month we had the employees go around to all the shelters and blow the leaves and sticks out that accumulate over the winter months and start cleaning out grills. Chris J. took the box scraper around to graveled areas in the parks and cemetery to start smoothing those areas out. The parks employees started putting bathrooms back together as we will start turning water back on once the weather straightens out. Steve S. took the brush around to some of the park roads to sweep them off and Dion P. did the same at Woodlawn and Wiedemann swept the trails. The park employees have started in on the aquatic facility putting water fixtures back together and taking up supplies as well. In the concessions area the park employees put up the new sign above the window on the south side of the building. Both park and cemetery departments were at Wings this past week as we had Alliant drop our electrical service to the park so we could remove three more ash trees on the north side of the park. Johnson sent out the agenda for Mondays tree board meeting and met with Alliant about getting some new electrical poles set for the campground.



TREES FOREVER GRANT

February 24, 2023

Joshua Johnson
Park and Recreation Superintendent, City of Oelwein
20 2nd Ave SW
Oelwein, IA 50662

Dear Joshua,

Congratulations! You've been selected for an Alliant Energy Community Tree program and One Million Trees Initiative grant! Alliant Energy is pleased to award Oelwein with a grant of \$4,000.00. Your project is one of 47 Alliant Energy Community Tree projects statewide. We're so excited to partner with you!



DELTA DENTAL FOUNDATION GRANT



www.deltadentalia.com

02/27/2023

Joshua Johnson
City of Oelwein
500 7th ave sw
Oelwein, IA 50662

Dear Joshua,

Delta Dental of Iowa Foundation is pleased to award \$3,285.00 to the City of Oelwein in response to the request for Rethink Your Drink project funding to support an outdoor water filling station in your community (Oelwein City Park Campground).



UTILITY POLE REPLACED FOR SIGN





TREE CITY DESIGNATION



MEETING



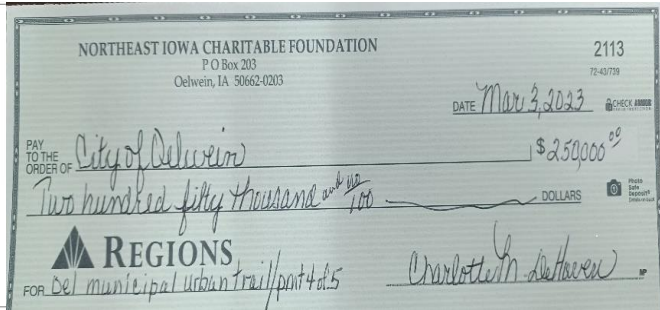
TREE BOARD WORK



TRAIL GRANT SUBMITTED



TRAIL FUNDING RECEIVED FOR 2023



DRAINAGE CLEARED



SAFETY CLASSES

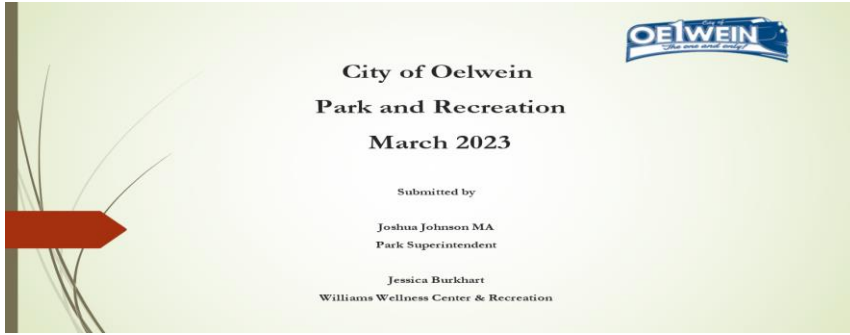


GRAVE PREPPED





FOUNDATION PRESENTATION



REC VEHICLE FIXED



ASH TREES REMOVED - VETS



TRAIL SIGNAGE



STUMP GRINDING



DISC GOLF SIGNAGE



GRAVE PREP



FENCE REPAIR



CREMATION PREP



VOLLEYBALL NETS



ASH TREES



D3 FENCING



SHELTER CLEANING



GRAVE PREP



DRAGGING GRAVEL AREAS



BATHROOMS



SWEEPING ROADS





NEW SIGNAGE



WINGS ASH TREES



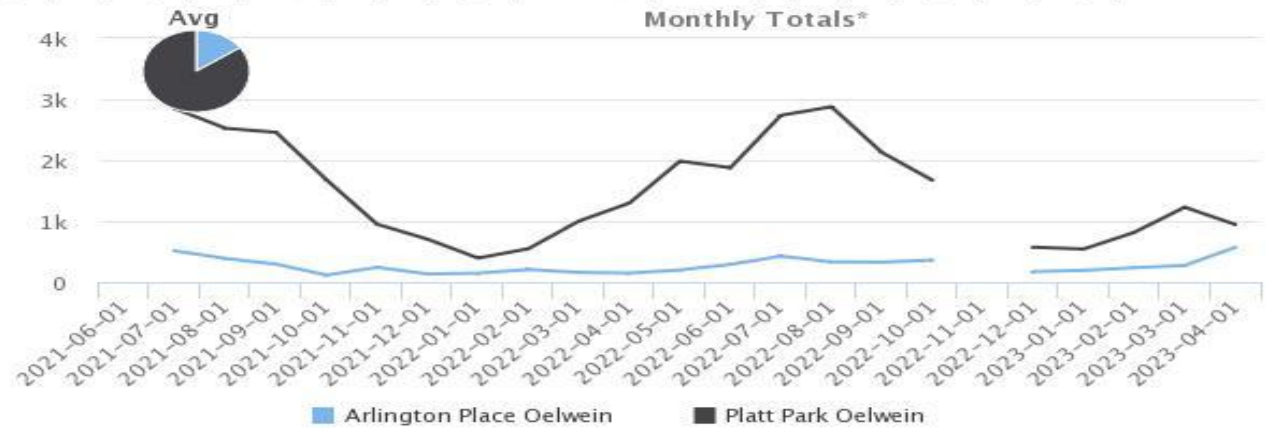
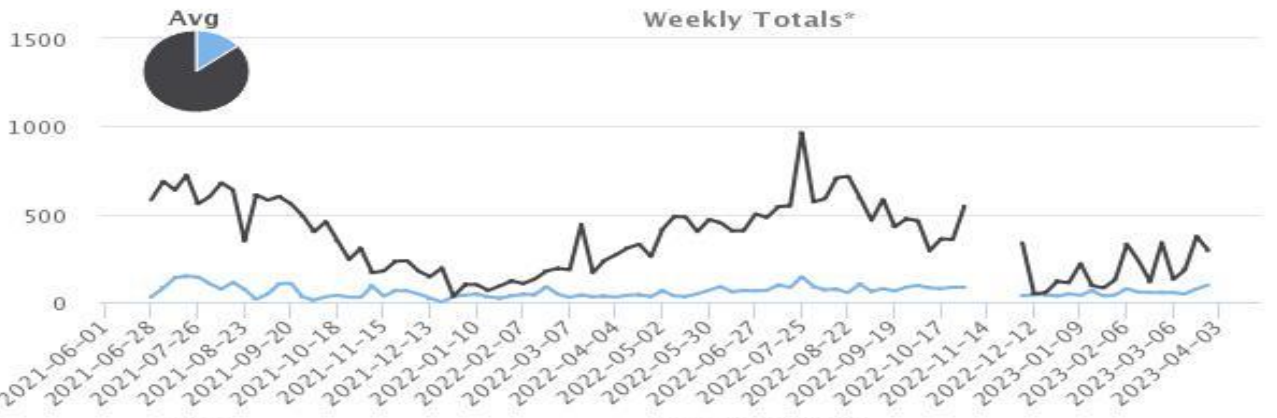
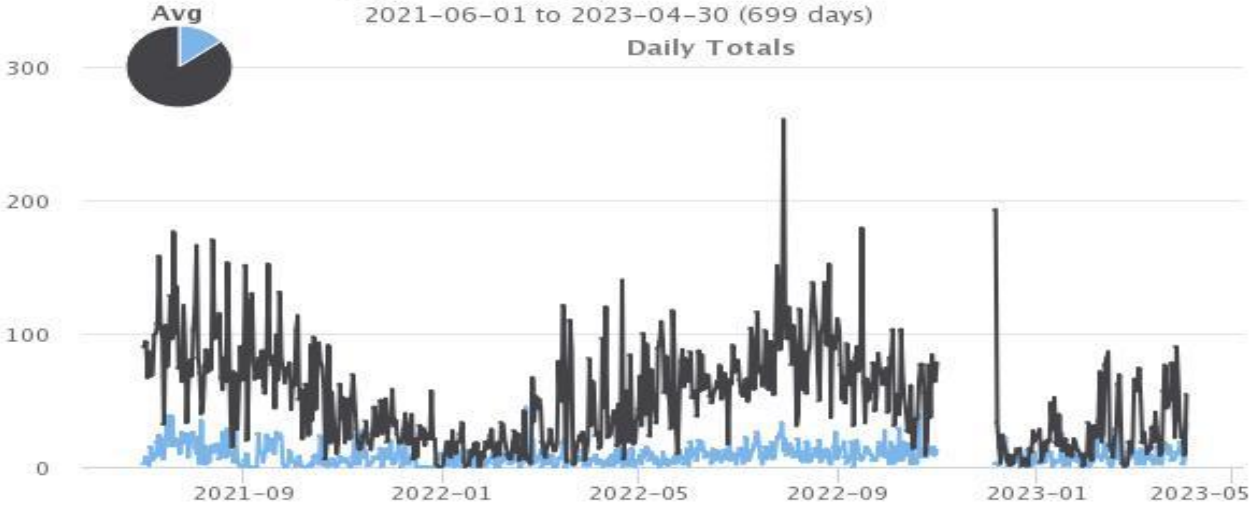
PARKS / CEMETERY / TRAILS / AQUATICS / CAMPGROUND



Daily/Weekly/Monthly totals

2021-06-01 to 2023-04-30 (699 days)

PARKS / CEMETERY / TRAILS / AQUATICS / CAMPGROUND



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
2021	Arlington Place Oelwein							512*	388	294	115	242	134	9.115	3,327	183
	Platt Park Oelwein							2,845*	2,523	2,458	1,675	950	704	60.454	22,066	183
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	570*									8.043	2,936	92
	Platt Park Oelwein	543	816	1,229	945*									28.815	10,518	92



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
- SNOW REMOVAL
- WOODLAWN BURIALS
- EMPLOYEE INTERVIEWS/ORIENTATIONS/VIDEOS

PROGRESS ON PROJECTS

- FOUNDATION TRAILS - \$250,000.00
- FOUNDATION FILTER GRANT- \$126,750.00
- TREES FOREVER GRANT - \$4,000.00
- DELTA DENTAL GRANT - \$3,285.00
- STGB TRAIL GRANT SUBMITTED
- AARP GRANT SUBMITTED
- 2022 TREE CITY DESIGNATION
- WEBSITE UPDATING
- ICE RINK TEARDOWN
- TRAIL EASEMENTS/GRANTS
- WORK ON PARK AND REC MASTER PLAN
- DISC GOLF SIGNAGE INSTALL
- ASH TREE REMOVAL
- UTILITY POLE REPLACED WOODLAWN

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
- PRAIRIE PLANTING
- DIAMOND 3 FENCING
- EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE
- TRAIL SEGMENT 2
- TRAIL SEGMENTS 4/5 ALIGNMENT
- PLAYGROUND MULCH WINGS
- AQUATICS WORK
- LATHAM BENCHES INSTALL
- CEMETERY SIGN INSTALL
- PATCH PARK/CEMETERY ROADS
- TRIM TREES ALONG TRAILS
- GRINDING STUMPS
- CAMPGROUND PREP
- WINTER GRAVES
- SPRING FOUNDATIONS
- SHADE INSTALLATION AT POOL
- DIRT WORK COMPLEX
- UNITED WAY – DAY OF CARING
- MULCH AT PLATT PARK

JOSHUA JOHNSON MA
OELWEIN PARK SUPERINTENDENT

