

FEBRUARY 2023 PARK MONTHLY REPORT

This past month in the park department we have been busy with snow removal. Nate, Dion, and Johnson came in early Sunday morning to clear snow at Woodlawn and all other city properties. Nate completed some delinquent sidewalks for community development this week as well. A cremation burial is scheduled for next Monday morning that was prepared this week. Nate and Johnson have been working on organizing the shop when we have spare time. There was some trail signage delivered this week from Iowa Prison Industries to replace this season. The trail bill that the trail committee has been trying to get passed made it through the House this month unopposed 99-0. This bill is needed to gain permission from the railroad to complete the last couple hundred feet of trail segment 1 along their property. Johnson sent out the agenda for the tree board meeting scheduled for Monday evening and downloaded monthly trail totals.

This past month in the park department we have been busy with touching up some areas with snow removal as high winds drifted in some areas over the weekends. Nate has been doing what he can with the skate rink as warm temperatures are persisting. I had Nate go through the stump grinder attachment for the skid loader this past month as we will be using a lot this spring as the employees removed over 100 ash tree this past fall. This past month the heating system required some maintenance at the park shop that we remedied quickly. Johnson is finishing up the new disc golf signage this week and sending it off to IPI so the signs will be ready for install this spring. On Sunday, Johnson, and pool manager Kim Lawless met with pool staff to talk to them about certifications, schedules, and expectations at the school library. Monday, we had a cremation burial at Woodlawn from an out-of-town funeral home. On Monday evening, Johnson hosted the Tree Board meeting at the park shop where they went over their new interactive map the DNR has on their website for all city trees. On Tuesday evening Johnson hosted the trails committee meeting at the park shop as they talked about their bill that has moved on to a senate committee.

This past month in the park department Weideman and Johnson took advantage of some warmer weather earlier in the month and completed some tree trimming in the campground. Weideman went around and checked drainage areas and culverts to make sure they were clear of obstructions with the melting snow. Weideman replaced the running boards on one of the parks trucks this week. Pictures were put on the cemetery tablet of the records book to streamline locating grave spaces at the cemetery and the records book can be kept in the office now. Work on the shop is moving along as another area was painted and organized. Johnson has been working on grants for trail projects and another grant for a new drinking fountain for the campground. Johnson has been working on ordering supplies for the aquatic center and updating paperwork. Johnson also finished the City Park disc golf sign and working on another course sign for Platt Park. The trails bill was supposed to be reviewed on Wednesday by the senate subcommittee, but the meeting was postponed until a later date.

At Woodlawn there was a double tree that was split at the truck that had cracked recently so they took the one side down that was leaning towards the office. Johnson submitted his grant proposal to the Delta Dental foundation in hopes of acquiring funds to purchase a new outdoor drinking water station at the campground. Weideman was busy making plumbing repairs to a bathroom at City Park this week. The alternator went bad in P3, so Weideman replaced that as well this week. Johnson wrapped up his proposal for STGB funding for a trail project this week and sent it in to Upper Explorer land. Johnson and the new aquatics manager interview kids for pool positions on Monday at City Hall.



SNOW REMOVAL CREMATION PREP SHOP ORGANIZING

PLOWING

SIGNAGE



SNOW REMOVAL

ICE RINK

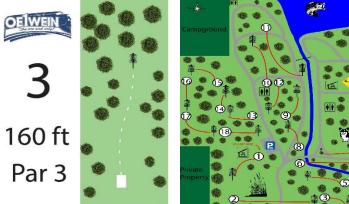
STUMP GRINDER

HEATING





DISC GOLF SIGNAGE



TREE TRIMMING

DRAINAGE

RUNNING BOARDS



ICE REMOVAL

TREE REMOVAL





GRANTS SUBMITTED

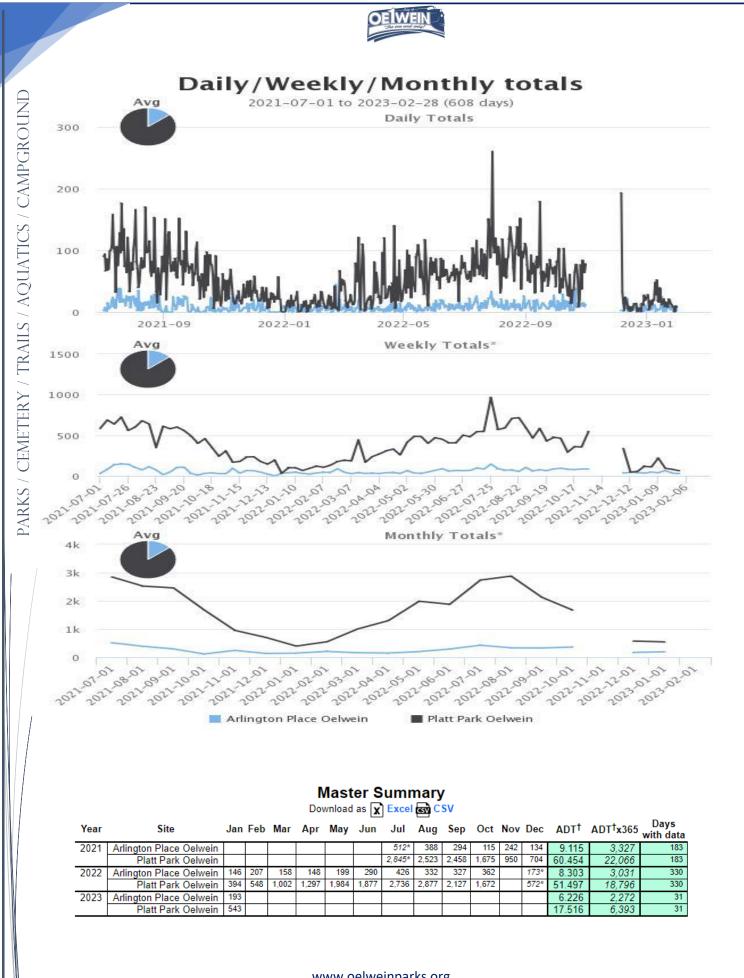
DELTA DENTAL® ORIGINATION

ICE REMOVAL

PLUMBING

ALTERNATOR







DAILY ACTIVITIES

- 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
- Snow removal
- Trail sweeping
- Woodlawn burials

PROGRESS ON PROJECTS

- Website updating
- Finished Park and Rec brochure
- Ice rink maintenance
- CAT grant submitted
- RJ McElroy grant submitted
- Trail easements/grants

- Work on Park and Rec master plan
- CIP pricing/budget
- Disc golf signage installation
- Snow equipment ready

NEXT MONTH AND FUTURE PROJECTS

- Remove old well houses at City Park
- Drinking fountain install Platt Park
- Replace decking on old bridge
- ✤ Grant writing
- ✤ Ash tree removal
- Pool filter project
- Pool drain project
- Pool boiler
- Prairie planting
- Diamond 3 in-field fencing
- Equipment maintenance
- Trail Segment 2
- Trail Segments 4/5 alignment
- Playground mulch at Wings
- Disc golf signage

- Aquatics work
- Latham bench install
- Trail signage
- Cemetery sign installation
- Patch Park/cemetery roads
- Trim trees along trails
- Grinding stumps
- Campground prep
- ✤ Winter grave work
- Spring foundations
- Shade structure installation @ pool
- Dirt work complex
- United Way Day of Caring
- Foundation presentation

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