



Minutes

Park & Rec Meeting

Oelwein Family Aquatic Center

Monday August 18th, 2025 - 5:15 PM

Park and Recreation

www.oelweinparks.org

Call to Order: 5:21pm

Roll Call: Cantrell, Bouska, Gearhart, Johnson, Jorgensen, Meska, Stasi

Attending: Cantrell, Gearhart, Johnson, Jorgensen, Meska, Stasi

Absent: Bouska

Approval of Minutes:

- Consideration of a motion approving the minutes of the June 16th, 2025, meeting:

Motion:	Meska	2 nd :	Jorgensen
Aye:	All	Nay:	None

Citizen Comments:

Redgate Games –Theresa Buckman: Proposed purchasing one set (2) boards of concrete bean bag game to install at Redgate Park. The boards would be placed near the bocce ball court in Redgate. Johnson has talked with Buckman about digging out the areas for concrete and put down gravel and compact. Buckman talked with the board months ago about the potential project in which they told her to proceed. Buckman since has raised the funds to purchase and have the games and have them shipped to Oelwein and supply the concrete. Buckman provided each member of the board with a quote, pictures and schematics of the project.

- Consideration of a motion approving a set of concrete beanbag games to be installed in Redgate Park near the bocce ball court:

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

Parks / Cemetery Updates: Johnson stated that a lot of the season has been oriented around preparing for the RAGBRAI overnight stay. Johnson stated that they were finally able to utilize CIP, trail maintenance funds and a small amount from the trails fund to fill cracks and seal all the asphalt trails in town which really looks tremendous when completed. Johnson stated that they also had the street department replace the culvert on the south end of City Park as the old culvert was failing. Johnson stated that they will be installing the new drinking fountain once they can catch a break from the mowing as the rain just will not stop. Johnson stated that the following Monday and Tuesday evenings following the Friday RAGBRAI event that they had high windstorms that did considerable damage in parks. Johnson stated that every park and cemetery saw some damage as the brunt of the carnage was located at City Park. Johnson stated that on Monday the employees were busy cleaning up garbage and putting things away from RAGBRAI. Johnson stated that they lost and estimated 6 trees, with many treetops broken off and numerous branches everywhere and on utility pole lost on the campground side. Johnson stated that On July 25th they hosted the overnight RAGBRAI stay which was a great event for the community. Johnson stated that he arranged with West Union to borrow the drinking fountains they made for them overnight a couple years ago. Johnson stated that he had his employees all of

depot park, paint the shelter roof between diamonds 2 and 3 and power spraying bathrooms and shelters. Johnson reminded the board that they trimmed all the trees in log cabin park and the south parking lot back in January to prepare for the event. Johnson stated that he recommended to the RAGBRAI committee that they invest in a permanent electrical panel to be sufficient for what they need for the main stage and would be a terrific investment for the community to host further RAGBRAI events. Johnson met with the electrical staff that set up the main stage and they were very happy with the setup and stated that it was exactly what they like to see. Johnson stated that it was overwhelming for everyone with all the people entering the community at once, but everyone found a spot to land and had a great time. Johnson stated that he was super happy with the aquatic center as they reached capacity twice as they cleared the pool midway through the afternoon so others could come in. Johnson stated they had volunteers to help with the concession stand that day and was very appreciative of their assistance. Johnson stated that Joe Bouska, Mike Meska and Conni Jorgensen were made frosting for the cinnamon rolls they sold that day and on Saturday morning. Johnson stated they started the day at 4am and it was a long but rewarding day. Johnson stated that the shower vendor people rented the pool that morning as Kim the pool manager was calling guards in that morning at the possibility to make more money for the pool. Johnson stated that it was estimated the pool brought in a little over 16k that day with day passes and concessions. Johnson stated that he and Kim came in at 4am the next morning and offered the shower and bathroom facilities at the pool for campers as the RAGBRAI people were super happy about this. Johnson stated that the weather was great that day as they received an additional 5.5" of rain that week on already saturated grounds as it made it very difficult for camper placement. Gearhart stated that he has heard nothing but compliments on how well RAGBRAI went. Campground host Linda Bickle complained about the new online payment system. Johnson stated that they completed a lot of sealcoating in the cemetery and City Park this spring which looked great for the big event as well. Other projects included trimming trees and other small painting projects and rocking up several areas. The playground that was burned up at Wings Park was covered as there are no funds to replace it right now.

Aquatics Update: Johnson talked about how the 2025 pool season went. Johnson stated that they opened on time as he has always done and had the place looking fantastic even though the weather just did not cooperate with them at all. Johnson stated in the storms a few weeks ago that they lost the small ornamental tree that was out front of the pool. Johnson stated that like every year there are always little maintenance issues that arise but are taken care of promptly. Johnson stated that they utilized CIP funds to replace two sets of ladder stairs that are stainless steel near the diving well. Johnson told the board that they tried an evening swim this year that had great attendance. Johnson stated that other events such as the free swim day sponsored by Buchanan County Health Center were held on July 18th which was a make-up day for the previous time due to rain, the event day it rained as well. Johnson stated that they hosted the dog dip day this past Sunday the 17th which was the last day of the season. It was estimated around 30 dogs were brought up for the event which was about the right number as not to be overwhelming as dogs can be unpredictable in very social situations such as this event. Johnson praised the staff as they did a phenomenal job once again this season, numerous swimming lessons, private and group lessons were held. Johnson stated that he is reviewing the numbers for the season and can provide them later. Johnson stated that the FB post Casey Castle helped with now has 96k views at the end of the season and 500 likes. Johnson stated that despite the terrible weather they had this season they had a great season and had many people from outside the community come to the pool and tell us how great our facility is. Johnson said that one couple from a nearby community said they were going to ask for a refund from their home pool and purchase a season pass to the Oelwein pool. Johnson stated that the pool manager did a phenomenal job once again and the city is lucky to have her filling the role that she has. Johnson stated that Kim goes over and above to help individuals on the spectrum and a lot of people see how well she interacts with these individuals. Gearhart stated also what a great manager Kim is and an asset to the city. Gearhart stated that he gets asked several times a week if the council is going to close the pool. Johnson stated that he met with the tree board as they are looking for tree planting locations for the \$5,000 grant they received from Trees Forever.

Trails Update: Johnson stated that segment two is planned to start after the Labor Day weekend and they plan on starting on the west side in Woodlawn. Johnson stated that once again they received the REAP grant for \$100,000, \$83,737.18 from the late Betty Tribon estate, and rest of the project is funded by the foundation.

Board Member Updates: None

Adjournment: 7:00pm

Tour Facility: Johnson took the board around and showed the board all the upgrades they have completed to the facility in recent years.

Next Meeting: September 2025

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AUGUST 2025 PARK MONTHLY REPORT

REDGATE BEANBAG GAMES:

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PARK / CEMETERY UPDATE:

PARKS / CEMETERY / TRAILS / AQUATICS / CAMPGROUND











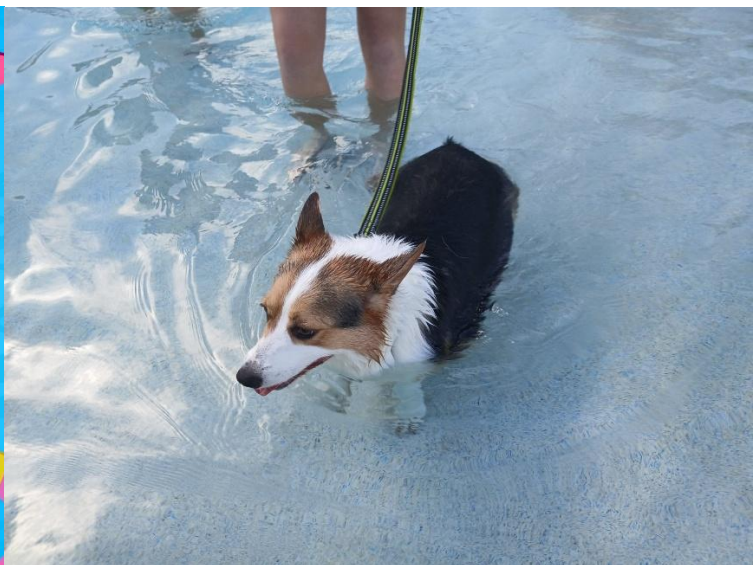






AQUATICS UPDATE:





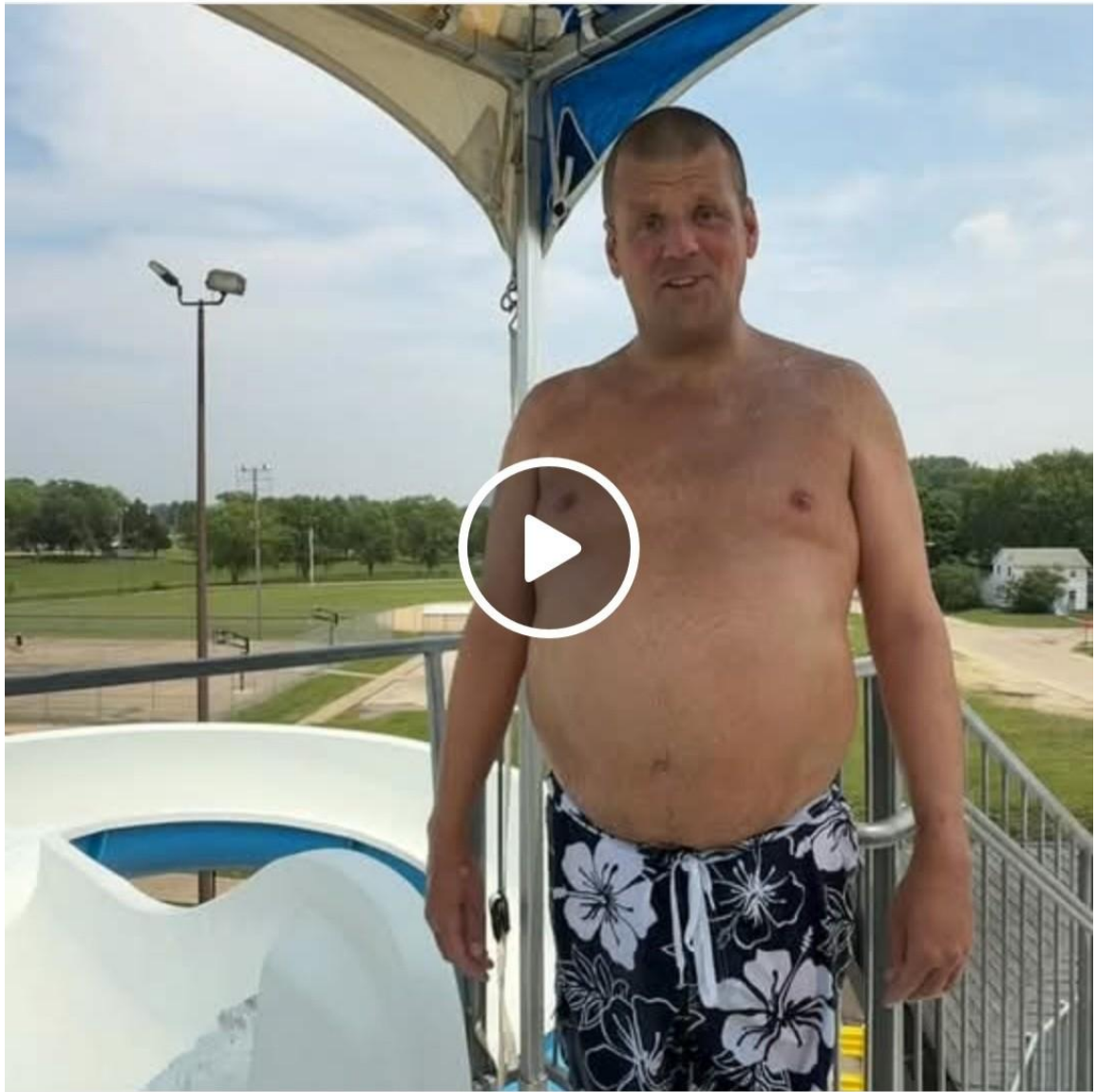


Oelwein Family Aquatic Center



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Listen to the wise words of our very own Casey Castle!



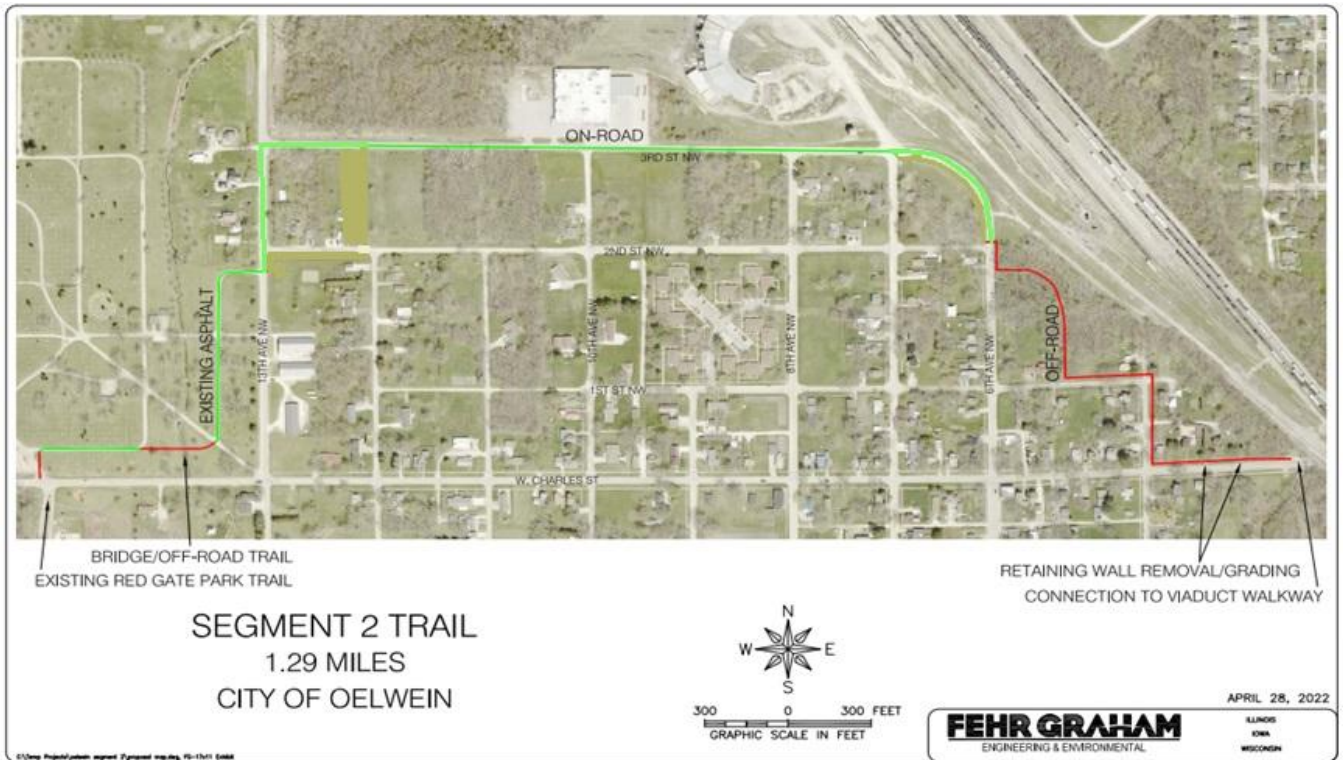
See insights and ads

Boost post

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45 comments 35 shares 95.9K views

TRAILS UPDATE:

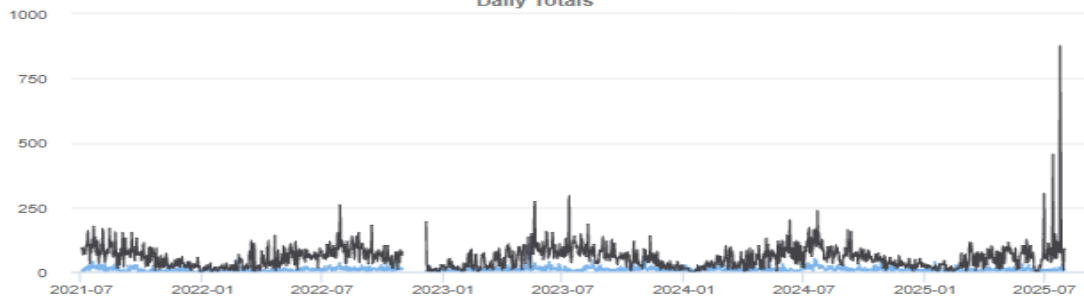




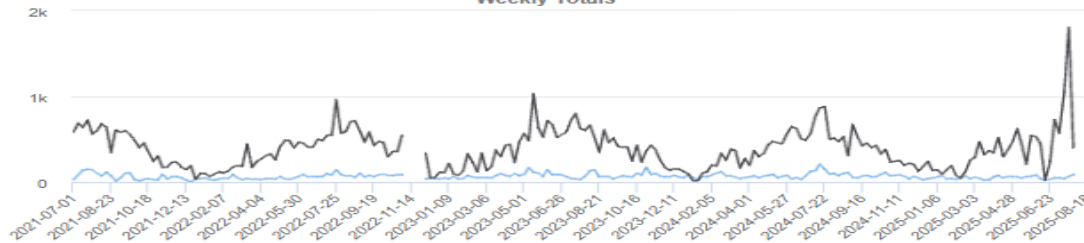
Daily/Weekly/Monthly totals

2021-07-01 to 2025-08-31 (1523 days)

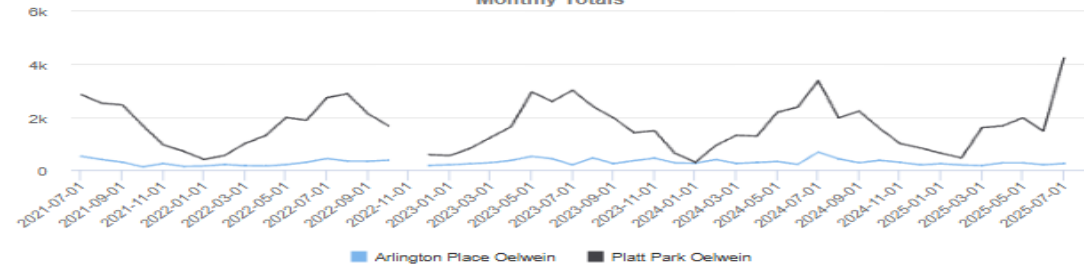
Daily Totals



Weekly Totals*



Monthly Totals*



* Based on Average Daily Traffic (ADT)

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	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	208	673	414	269	360	287	191	10.628	3,890	366
	Platt Park Oelwein	287	930	1,305	1,276	2,181	2,378	3,373	1,972	2,223	1,571	998	828	52.792	19,322	366
2025	Arlington Place Oelwein	236	186	165	268	268	196	240						7.354	2,684	212
	Platt Park Oelwein	631	453	1,595	1,863	1,978	1,465	4,229						56.670	20,684	212

ADT† = Average Daily Traffic

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



DAILY ACTIVITIES

- CLEAN/ORGANIZE SHOP AREAS
- PICK UP DOWNTOWN AREAS
- MAINTAINING PARK, CEMETERIES
- MAINTENANCE OF 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
- PARK AND REC MASTER PLAN
- TRAIL MAINTENANCE
- GRINDING STUMPS
- CIVICREC WORK
- TREE TRIMMING
- EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE
- SEASONAL EMPLOYEE WORK
- RAGBRAI
- NEW COMPLEX DRINKING FOUNTAIN
- UPPER EXPLORERLAND MEETING
- SWIMMING LESSONS
- PARK AND CEMETERY SEALCOATING

NEXT MONTH AND FUTURE PROJECTS

- REPURPOSE OLD WINGS BRIDGE
- GRANT WRITING
- TRAIL SEGMENTS 4/5 ALIGNMENT
- BOARD AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS
- TREE REMOVAL

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OELWEIN PARK SUPERINTENDENT





Buckman Packet

Doty & Sons Concrete Products, Inc.

1275 East State Street
Sycamore, IL 60178

Phone: 800-233-3907

Fax: 815-895-8035

Quotation

Date	Quotation Number
8/6/2025	255943

Name / Address
ITALIAN HERITAGE CLUB OF OELWEIN TERESA BUCKMAN 17208 25TH ST OELWEIN, IA 50662
Customer Phone
319-231-4800

Ship To
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Customer E-Mail
TERESA_BUCKMAN@YAHOO.

Project/Job	Terms	FOB	Rep	Ship Via
	DEPOSIT	50662	JD	MOTOR FREIGHT
Item	Description	Qty	Price Each	Total
BYOB5531	ALL CONCRETE BAG TOSS GAME SET. SIZE: 55" LONG X 31" WIDE. EACH SET CONSISTS OF TWO PERMANENT CONCRETE BOARDS INCLUDES TWO COATS OF SEALER. 633 LBS. PER BOARD.. BAGS AVAILABLE BUT NOT INCLUDED IN THIS PRICE.	1	960.00	960.00
CAST OUT	CAST OUT AREA FOR PLAQUE - PLAQUE SIZE TO BE DETERMINED ON ONE BOARD. ADD \$125 FOR SET	1	125.00	125.00
SH2	PACKING AND SHIPPING WITH LIFTGATE SERVICE - SEE COMPLETE DESCRIPTION BELOW.	1	295.00	295.00
Total				

Quoted by:	
Signature:	
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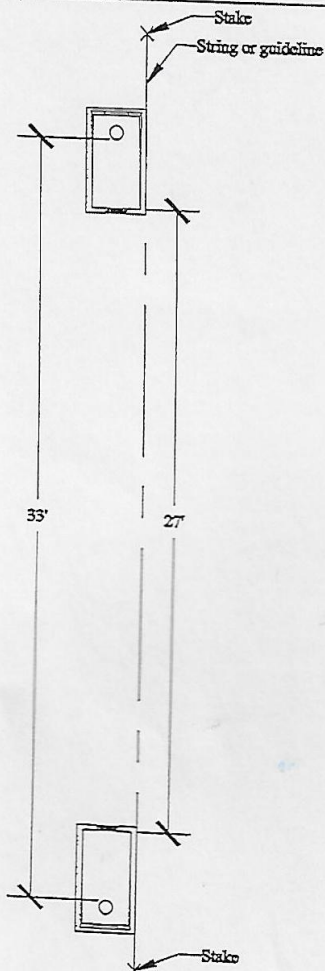
Project/Job	Terms	FOB	Rep	Ship Via
	DEPOSIT	50662	JD	MOTOR FREIGHT
Item	Description	Qty	Price Each	Total
SH2D	SH2 DESCRIPTION - ALL SHIPPING CHARGES SHOWN ABOVE. SHIPPED BY MOTOR FREIGHT. CARRIER WITH LIFTGATE GROUND SERVICE (ON PALLETS). SHIPPED TO ONE BUSINESS ADDRESS AND LOWERED TO THE GROUND AT A COMMON RECEIVING AREA - ONE LOCATION ONLY. YOUR PERSONNEL MUST MEET DRIVER WITHOUT DELAY FOR INSPECTION OF SHIPMENT. CUSTOMER TO UNPACK ITEMS AND SET AT SPECIFIC SITES. DELIVERY FEES ARE BASED ON FUEL PRICES TODAY. BECAUSE OF UNCERTAIN FUEL COSTS IN THE FUTURE, WE RESERVE THE RIGHT TO ADD OR SUBTRACT ANY CHANGE IN FUEL COSTS IN EFFECT ON THE DAY OF DELIVERY. ADDITIONAL FREIGHT COMPANY SERVICES, IF NEEDED, MUST BE SPECIFIED ON PURCHASE ORDER AND CHARGES WILL BE ADDED ON TO FINAL BILLING.		0.00	0.00
	Out-of-state sale, exempt from sales tax		0.00%	0.00
Total			\$1,380.00	

IF YOU WISH TO PLACE AN ORDER, PLEASE SIGN AND DATE WHERE INDICATED AND RETURN. THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO SUBMIT THE ABOVE QUOTATION. THE INDICATED PRICE IS VALID FOR 30 DAYS. NOTE: ANY CHANGE IN ITEM OR QUANTITY WILL REQUIRE A REBID.

Quoted by:

Signature:

Date:



1 Corn Hole Game Layout
Scale: $\frac{1}{8}" = 1'-0"$

A.C.A GUIDELINES FOR SPACING OF UNITS

Standard spacing for units will have 33'
from the front edge of the hole & 27'
from the front of the playing board.

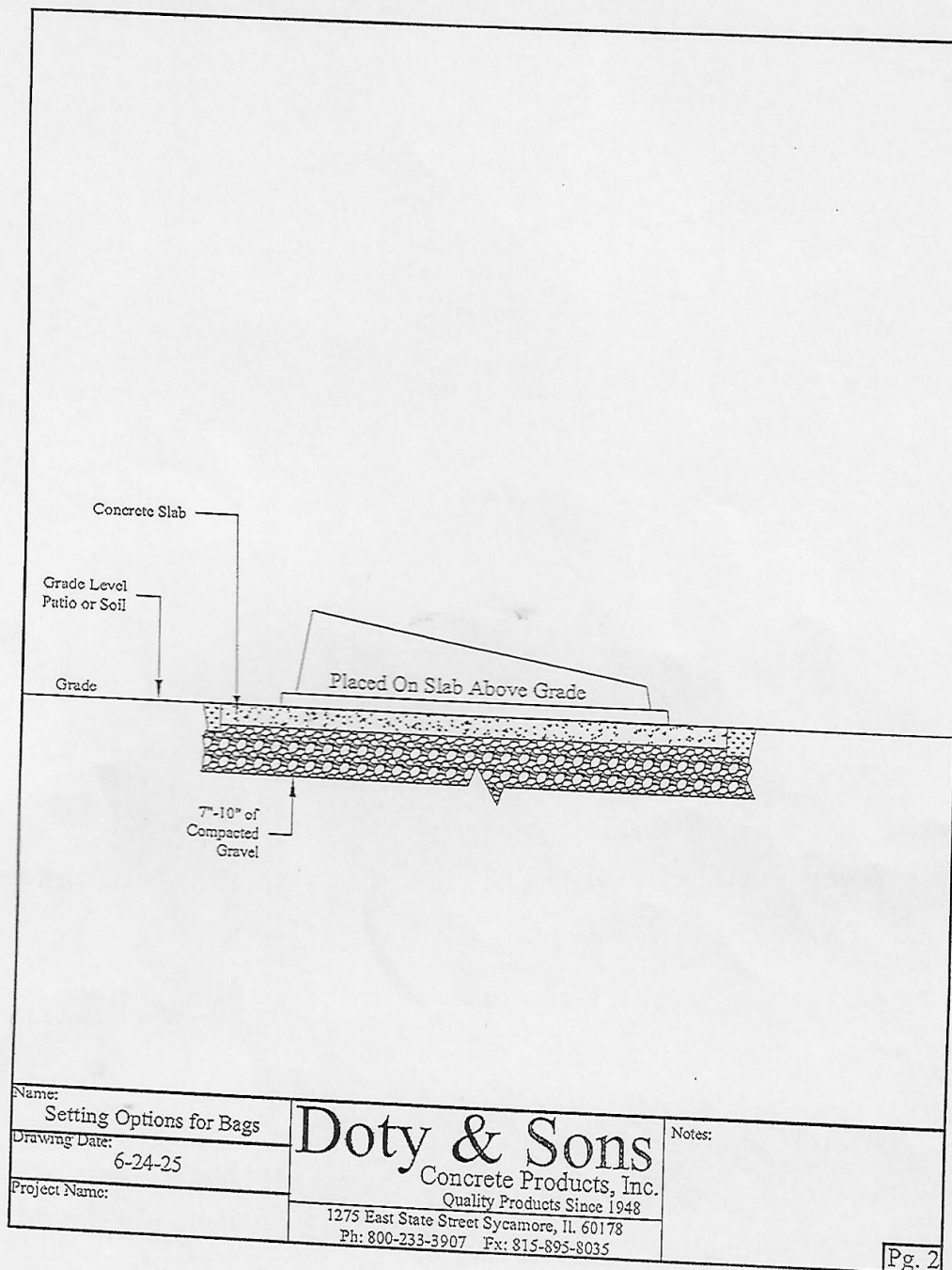
RECOMENDED INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

Materials Required:

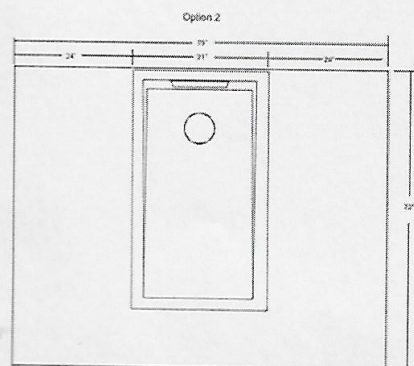
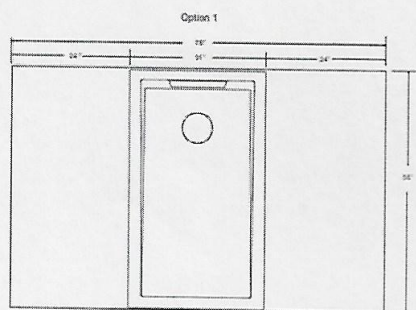
50' Tape Measure, Marking Paint, Digging Spade, 2 - $\frac{1}{2}"$ -13
X 4" Bolts, 2 - 4' or 6' straps, Lifting device capable of
1,000 lbs. lift, 50' String, &
2 - Stakes

1. Take the string and two stakes, tie each end of the string to one of the stakes. The string will be used as a guideline along the longest side of the unit.
2. In the locations desired drive one on the stakes in to the ground and stretch out the string to its full length. Drive the second stake into the ground making sure to keep the string tight.
3. Use the Guideline & 50' Tape Measure to position the units such that the edge of the unit is parallel to the Guideline (See Drawing) and the spacing is such that it conforms to the American Cornhole Associations guidelines outlined above.
4. Mark around the edge of the units with marking paint protecting the unit from overspray.
5. Move the units, using the spade remove 2" of topsoil in the marked area and level off the dirt.
6. Move the units close to the dug out location. Screw the $\frac{1}{2}"$ bolts into the sides of the unit, loop the straps around the bolts and attach to the lifting device.
7. Lift and place the unit in the dug out location.

File Name:	B.Y.O. Bags	<h2>Doty & Sons</h2> <p>Concrete Products, Inc. Quality Products Since 1948 1275 East State Street Sycamore, IL 60178 Ph: 800-233-3907 Fax: 815-895-8035</p>	Notes:
Drawing Date:	5-8-09		
Project Name:			



Concrete Pad sizes for B.Y.O.Bags All Concrete Cornhole Boards



Note
These are examples of sizes. Actual pad sizes can vary based on customer preference and/or plans.
Option 1 would be the minimum size.

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