



Minutes

Park & Rec Meeting
Oelwein Family Aquatic Center
Monday May 18th, 2026 - 5:15 PM

Park and Recreation

www.oelweinparks.org

Call to order: 5:15pm

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

Attending: Johnson, Jorgensen, Meska, Stasi

Absent: Cantrell, Bouska, Gearhart

Approval of minutes:

- Consideration of a motion approving the minutes of the April 20th, 2026, meeting:

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

Citizen comments: None

Trails update: Johnson talked about how the landscapers arrived finally to complete the landscaping of the trail project. Johnson stated that there were a few areas that they did not finish so they would need to come back.

Tree board update: Johnson stated that the tree board hosted the Arbor Day event on April 24th this year. The board demonstrated the proper tree planting techniques to the third graders that morning at Wings Elementary. Johnson stated that they ordered 75 tree whips from the state tree nursery as they do every year. Johnson stated that on the 25th the tree board and city employees hosted Operation ReLeaf at City Park. Johnson stated that they unloaded a semi load of very heavy trees that took three trucks and trailers. Johnson stated that the event went great as always as they handed out 200 prepaid trees to customers. Johnson reminded the board that any Alliant Energy customer could have purchased these trees, not just Oelwein residents. Johnson stated that the trees sold for \$25 apiece as Alliant made of the remainder of the costs. Johnson worked with the DNR a great deal to ensure this day went without a hitch. Johnson stated that some park and cemetery employees helped, tree board members, council person Cantrell and other volunteers helped load the trees. Johnson stated that he would like to see all park and rec board members at these events to show their support.

Park/cemetery update: Johnson stated that on May 1st, they host the United Way – Day of Caring. Johnson stated that they had volunteer projects at almost every facility this year as dozens of volunteers helped that day. Johnson commended several local businesses that donated supplies or sent volunteers that day to make this event a success. Johnson stated that they included their IRA tree planting into this event and that the tree board was awarded \$30,000 in trees over the next two years. Johnson stated that they planted trees at Woodlawn cemetery, Redgate park and at the sports complex. Johnson stated that several painting projects happened with older playground equipment, cleaning and power spraying the aquatic center and painting picnic tables as the department was awarded 10 gallons of paint through the Paint Iowa Beautiful grant this year, worth \$489.38.

Johnson stated that the park employees did a phenomenal job getting the pool facility together this year with only three staff members. Johnson stated this used to be completed by the utility department for many years. Johnson stated that pool chemicals have been acquired and product for the concessions area have been coming in. Johnson stated that the front room had a new ceiling installed as the old drywall skim coat was failing and looks very nice and clean for a first impression for customers. Johnson stated that with so much time spent at the aquatic center not much time was available for other projects this spring. Employees freshened up parking areas with the harley rake and cemetery employees prepared the storage building for the new garage door which is a CIP item. Johnson stated that they filled the gravel bed with Linden trees this year that were donated by the Beane family in honor of Roger that passed. Johnson stated that Manske's also donated some bare root trees for the cause as well. Johnson stated that they worked with Theresa Buchman and unloaded the bag games onto the concrete pads the park and cemetery employees poured last fall at Redgate park. Johnson stated that unfortunately they had some vandalism at the dog park as someone stole \$400 worth of parts out of the drinking fountain that Johnson and Kunkle raised funds for. Johnson stated that they have been watering the trees they planted for the past two weeks as that has come to an end and that Horan Cleaning is taking over with the bathroom cleaning and shelter reservations this past week which frees up a lot of their time. Johnson stated that the cemetery crew has been busy with a few burials and trying to keep up with the mowing and trimming with only three employees as they want everything to look its best for Memorial Day weekend. Johnson stated that volunteers came in and put up flags at Woodlawn this past weekend as well. Johnson provided the board with trail totals and cemetery burials. Johnson shared with the board that they were awarded \$12,926.25 from the Northeast Iowa Charitable Foundation, half the funds to complete new fencing at diamond one at Wings Park. Johnson stated that he also applied to the RJ McElroy Trust this past year and talked with both before applying to both funding entities so both were aware of the possible matching funds to make sure this project might happen. Johnson stated that he shared with the McElroy Trust today that the matching funds had been secured so that their chances of being funded would be increased.

Board member updates: None

Adjournment: 5:45pm

Next meeting: June 15th, 2026

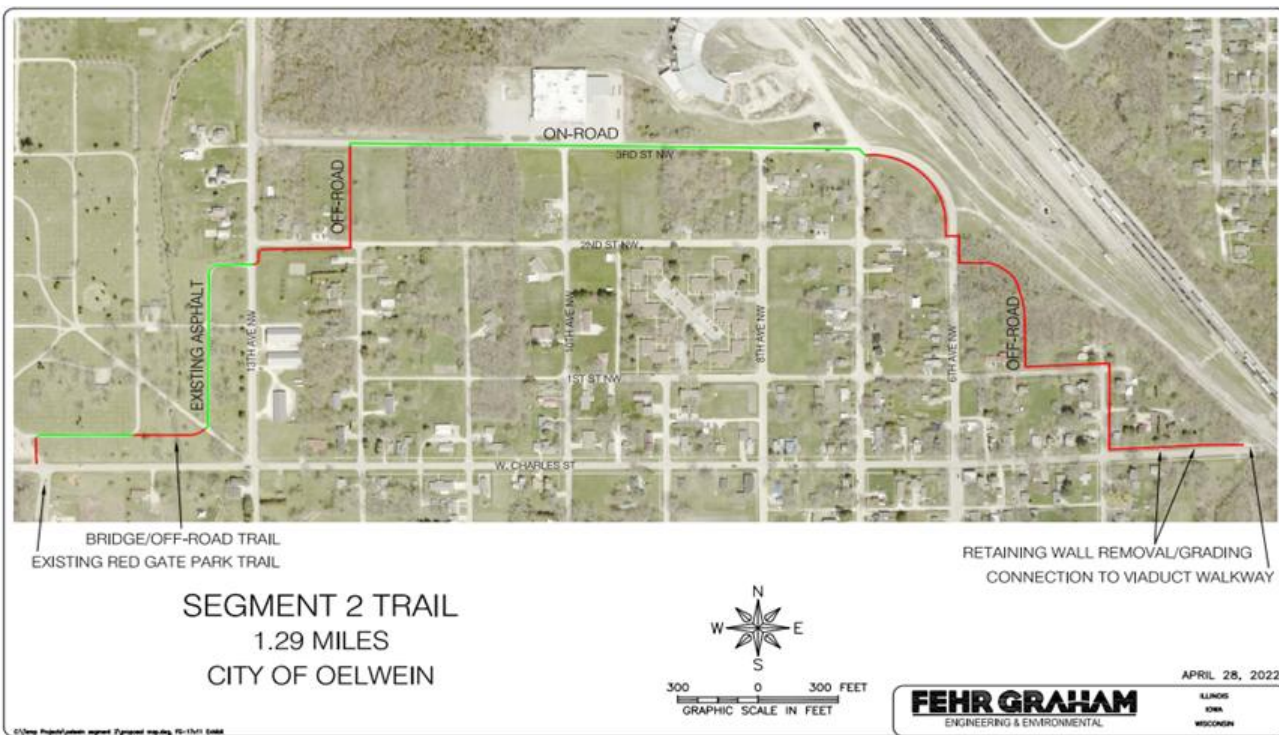
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MAY 2026 UPDATES

TRAIL UPDATE:

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TREE BOARD UPDATE:

- APRIL 24TH ARBOR DAY – 3RD GRADERS



- APRIL 25TH OPERATION RELEAF – CITY PARK



PICKUP AREA – CITY PARK



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PARK UPDATE:

- MAY 1ST UNITED WAY – DAY OF CARING



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United Way

05-01-2026 DAY OF CARING

Event Description Heading

Ready to help your community out and volunteer. Contact United Way today and sign up for a project today!



Support a great cause!

Get your business involved in the community

Projects in city parks, trails, cemetery, campground and at the aquatic facility!

Plantings, painting, cleaning

319-283-7334

Tim Rivera

<http://oelweinareunitedway.org/>

05-01-2026 - 8 am

A big thank you to everyone who participated in the [Oelwein Area United Way Day of Caring](#) today. Volunteers planted 41 trees that were purchased through an [Iowa Department of Natural Resources](#) grant the tree board received. Many picnic tables, shelters, foul poles and playground equipment were painted. Power spraying the pool facility, cleaning and mulching. Much of the paint and painting supplies all donated by local businesses!

Thanks to:

United Way - Tim Rivera/Joe Bouska

[Corner Market and Greenhouse](#)

[Cannon's Greenhouse](#)

Chip Murrow - [Iowa Department of Natural Resources](#)

Park and Cemetery Employees

Tree Board Members

Ace Hardware

Norby's

Mercy One

Alpha Trailers

[East Penn Manufacturing Co.](#)

[Oelwein Community Schools](#)

Transco

Veridian

[Ken's Electric Inc.](#)

Rise Limited

Rotary

Parent Share and Support

[Scheel's Professional Lawn Care](#)

Fidelity Bank and Trust

Allure Salon and Spa

The Bank - Westgate

Hand to Hand Treasures Resale

Ashley Industrial Molding, Inc. [See less](#)

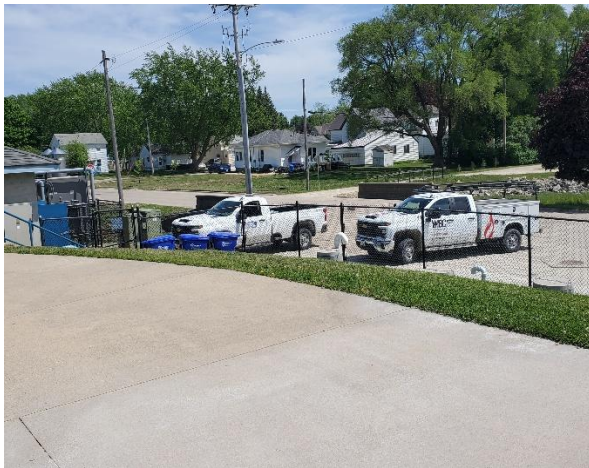
POOL PREPERATIONS

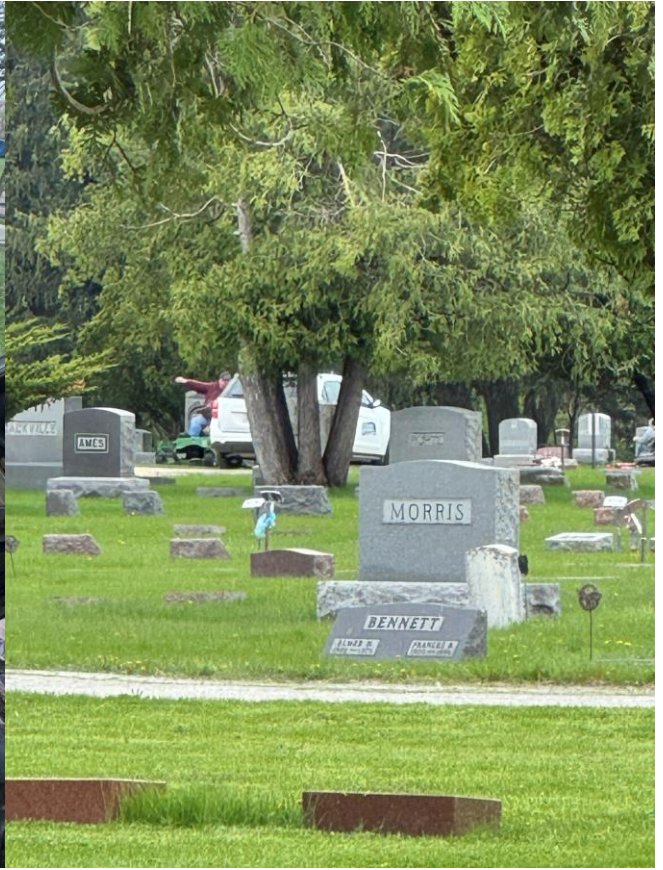


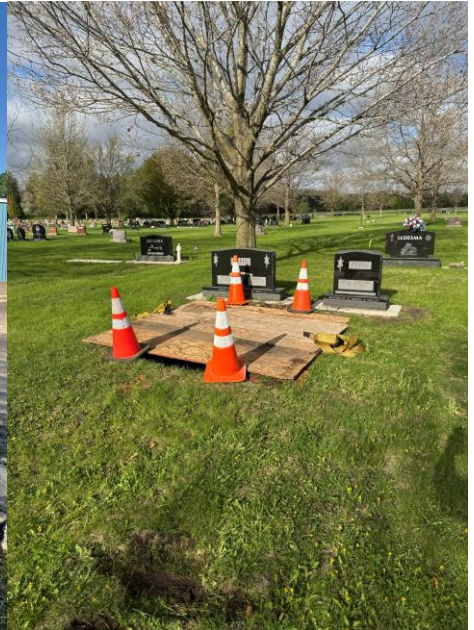


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NORTHEAST IOWA CHARITABLE FOUNDATION

Churchill T. Williams - 1915 - 2005
Founder and President - 1989 to 2005

May 14, 2026

Joshua Johnson, Director
Oelwein Park and Rec.
20 2nd Ave. SW
Oelwein, Iowa 50662

Dear Joshua:

Please find enclosed a check for the amount of \$12,926.25 to help fund the fence replacement at diamond one – Wings Park.

Northeast Iowa Charitable Foundation approved this distribution at a recent meeting in response to the application you submitted.

Sincerely,

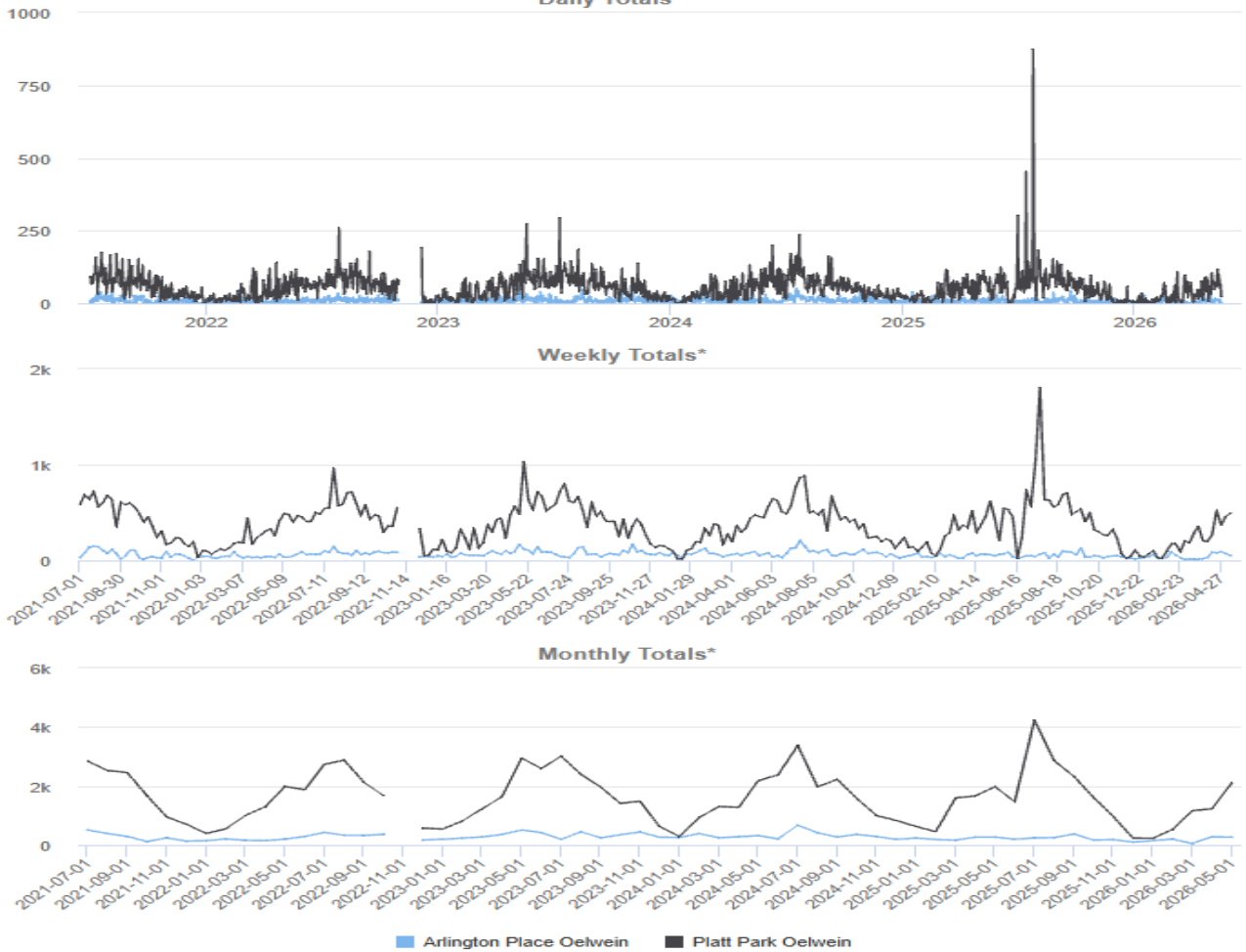
Charlotte DeHaven, Secretary
Northeast Iowa Charitable Foundation

P.O. BOX 203 • OELWEIN, IOWA 50662



Daily/Weekly/Monthly totals

2021-07-01 to 2026-05-31 (1796 days)



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 | 249 | 374 | 171 | 184 | 100 | 7.225 | 2,637 | 365 |
| | Platt Park Oelwein | 631 | 453 | 1,595 | 1,663 | 1,978 | 1,465 | 4,229 | 2,859 | 2,327 | 1,610 | 964 | 234 | 54.816 | 20,008 | 365 |
| 2026 | Arlington Place Oelwein | 148 | 202 | 51 | 278 | 266* | | | | | | | | 6.022 | 2,198 | 137 |
| | Platt Park Oelwein | 226 | 526 | 1,160 | 1,230 | 2,104* | | | | | | | | 31.358 | 11,446 | 137 |

ADT† = Average Daily Traffic

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

FULL BURIALS – 11
CREMATIONS – 4

JOSHUA JOHNSON MA
OELWEIN PARK SUPERINTENDENT



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