



Minutes

Park & Rec Meeting

City Park – Main Shelter

Monday August 17th, 2026 - 5:15 PM

Park and Recreation

www.oelweinparks.org

Call to order: 5:18pm

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 July 20th, 2026, meeting:

Motion: Meska

2nd: Stasi

Aye: All

Nay: None

Citizen comments: None

Trail update: Johnson talked briefly about segment two is wrapping up with the final punch list items so they can wrap up the project and close the project out. Johnson stated that he went to West Union to review applications for a REAP proposal from the conservation department. Johnson stated that with the pool wrapping up he can now focus on other projects including getting the last of the trails lined up.

Aquatics update: Johnson stated that Sunday was the last day of the season for the aquatic center as it had been a very busy year. Johnson stated that the pool manager did a fantastic job again for the city as she tried more programming ideas to get involved and had a great couple of swimming events with sensory friendly swimming. Johnson stated that the staff did a great job and sold more passes than ever this season.

Tree board update: Johnson reminded the board that the park department has three tree plantings coming up this fall and would like to see them attend these plantings.

Park/cemetery update: Johnson talked about how the employees are doing a great job keeping up with the mowing and trimming as it has been a very wet year. Johnson talked about a break in at the pool concession window as the kids just broke the window and did not venture inside at all. Johnson stated that the plumbing in the men's room was stolen at redgate park but replaced before Italian days. Johnson stated with the wet

weather they had had some trees come down and that the employees got picked up. Johnson stated that the cemetery employees have had several full burials and several cremations in the last month. Johnson stated that the trials are being swept weekly as usual. Johnson stated that with recent storms there were some minor items to attend to at the aquatic center and that the sports complex was dragged again. Johnson stated that the employees did a great job preparing redgate park for Italian days. Cantrell stated that the park looked great. Johnson stated that they have spent time at depot park replacing some panels on the drink depot. Johnson discussed with the board about the cemetery with budget cuts with council comments made at a previous meeting.

Board member updates: Meska discussed finding a person to fill the Bouska position on the board.

Adjournment: 5:48pm

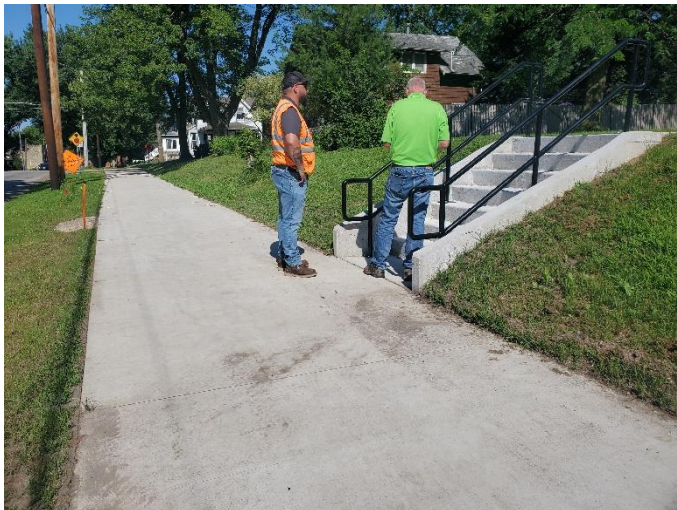
Next meeting: September 2026

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AUGUST 2026 UPDATES

TRAIL UPDATE:





AQUATICS:

JUNE 20TH | 2026

night swim

TICKET \$6

START AT 08:00 PM - 10:00 PM

LAP SWIM 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

REGULAR SWIM 12:00 PM - 6:00 PM

MORE INFO AT THE OELWEIN FAMILY AQUATIC CENTER ON FACEBOOK

OELWEIN FAMILY AQUATIC CENTER

MAKE A SPLASH in our community!

SPONSOR A FREE SWIM DAY!

The Oelwein Family Aquatic Center is looking for community-minded businesses and organizations to help make a big impact by sponsoring a **FREE SWIM DAY!**

Your sponsorship helps provide a fun, safe, and inclusive day at the pool for everyone in our community—regardless of financial barriers.

WHY SPONSOR?

- SUPPORT YOUR COMMUNITY**
Help promote health, wellness, and community connection for local families.
- GREAT VISIBILITY**
Your business will be recognized on our social medias and on the day off!
- POSITIVE IMPACT**
Show your commitment to making Oelwein a great place to live, work, and play.
- MAKE A SPLASH!**
Be part of something meaningful that creates lasting community goodwill.

TOGETHER, WE CAN MAKE A BIG SPLASH!
Interested in sponsoring a Free Swim Day? Learn more by contacting the Aquatic Center!

OELWEIN
FAMILY AQUATIC CENTER

<https://oelweinparks.org/aquatics>

319-238-8025

STRONGER TOGETHER. Better Together.



Gene Watson · 3w
Me and my brother used to ride our bike during the summer when we weren't picking up rock or bailing hay and ride our bikes into town from Stanley and swim in the community pool
If our mom gave us a dollar
Meant alot

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Tammy Lincoln Stasi · 4w
What a great group of young people! ❤️

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Tammy Byrd · 4w
Grateful for your service to the community! Oelwein needs the pool and YOU to keep everyone safe! You are the BEST!



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Denise Wilson · 4w
Thanks for keeping a strong focus on what your roles as lifeguards means... keeping it a safe place for all who attend and mindful of each swimmer's safety while in the water 🙌
great job **Kim Lawless** 🙌

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JOIN US FOR A
SENSORY-FRIENDLY SWIM SESSION
A calm, welcoming aquatic experience

Designed for individuals of all ages with sensory sensitivities and their families.

NEW DATE!
WEDNESDAY JULY 1ST
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM
OELWEIN FAMILY AQUATIC CENTER

Reduced noise and distractions

Calm, low-stimulation environment

Swim, float, or enjoy the water at your own pace

Supportive and inclusive atmosphere

Sensory-friendly events are beneficial for many people, including those with autism, ADHD, sensory processing differences, anxiety, and anyone who simply enjoys a calmer environment.

Everyone deserves to enjoy the water!
WE LOOK FORWARD TO WELCOMING YOU!

You are invited to a
FREE SWIM FRIDAY
July 17th | 12-6pm
Oelwein Family Aquatic Center

SPONSORED BY:

BCHC
Buchanan County Health Center

AUGUST 1

ADULT SWIM NIGHT

AUGUST 1
8-10 PM

Must be 21+

OELWEIN FAMILY AQUATIC CENTER

LAST DAY of the Summer Pool Season!

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16TH
12-2 PM Open Swim
2-4 PM Doggy Dip

ALL DOGS MUST BE UP-TO-DATE ON VACCINATIONS. \$6 PER DOG.



Oelwein Family Aquatic Center

Published by Joshua Johnson · August 12 at 11:15 AM ·

The City of Oelwein sends a heartfelt thank you to the Fayette County Community Foundation for funding assistance in purchasing new diving boards for the Oelwein Family Aquatic Center. The diving boards are a staple for the kids that provide not only recreational fun but the opportunity to practice a safe, controlled way for people to enter the water. The boards were purchased through local business Carrico Aquatic Resources Inc. A big thank you to the foundation, board members, donors and nonprofit partners that all contribute to promote the recreational resources in Fayette County.



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Tammy Byrd · 1d

Such a generous and thoughtful gift to the youth of Oelwein and those who come from surrounding communities to enjoy the pool! Continue to support our youth!

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Sheryl Hull

Assign this conversation ▼

Mon 2:58 PM



I wanted to tell you I appreciate the life guard this morning ,his position was watching over the adult lap swimmers. As I was using the ladder to get out of the pool my left calf cramped. He recognized I was having trouble, asking if I was ok and stayed with me until I could step up onto the cement. Much appreciated Sheri Hull



Kelly Mesplay · 1w

We are so very thankful for this experience. Our son loved every minute of it. Thank you to everyone that made this possible. Hope to do it again.

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Rashell Lee · 1w

Thank you Kim for making this happen! I was so happy to be able to connect with families and share valuable resources for their family

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Denise Wilson · 1w

It was definitely a warm fuzzy experience to see the families enjoying what so many take for granted... definitely that mama 🐻 gets a tug.. beautiful experience for myself as well... thank you Kim for having the idea and making your vision happen 🌟🥰👏 look forward to the next opportunity for these families and more 🙌

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Michelle Maloney · 1w

I wish I could have taken my son but unfortunately I had to work hope you offer this again

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Ashley Clemens · 1w

I really wish that the second date would've worked out for Marcus and our family but Scott and I both had to work till 8 PM tonight. If you guys decide to do it again, hopefully we can make it! Glad you had such a great turnout!

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Oelwein Family Aquatic Center · 1w · 🖋️ Author

[Ashley Clemens](#) there be more so stay tuned

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Mistie Afterlife · 2w

I really love to see something like this. Especially for the littles with autism. This really brought a tear to my eye!!

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Oelwein Family Aquatic Center · 2w · 🖋️ Author

[Mistie Afterlife](#) awww thank you!

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Kaitlyn Michele · 2w



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Oelwein Family Aquatic Center

Published by Kim Lawless · June 18 at 3:51 PM · 🌐

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Just a little appreciation post

These men often go many days without recognition—Josh Johnson, Justin Beatty, Dan Ohi, Ron Fagle, Ron Huffard, Chris Jelinek, Danny Carnicle and Brett Mahoney. They work hard every day to keep our parks looking amazing, our cemetery beautiful and peaceful for time with loved ones, and our aquatic center clean, safe, and welcoming.

I want to give a special thank you to Josh Johnson for always taking the time to help me—whether it's moving things, showing me how to do something, or fixing what needs to be fixed. He comes in early to make sure everything is running properly and stays late when something needs extra attention.

Josh, you and the entire Parks Department truly go above and beyond. Thank you—I appreciate all the hard work you do every single day.

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Sandy Gloede Steil · 3w

Thank you for your service!



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Marlena Ohi-Partman · 3w · Top fan

Love you dad and yes they all work very hard

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Tammy Byrd · 3w

You make Oelwein a better community! Thankful for your service! 🙏

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Lynnette Rochford · 3w

Thanks, guys!

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Darlene Young · 3w

Thank You

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Ken Sandy Magsamen · 3w

Thank you; much appreciated

TREE UPDATE:

- FALL IRA PLANTING – BEGINNING OF OCTOBER
- TREES FOREVER PLANTING – MIDDLE OF OCTOBER
- GRAVEL BED TREE PLANTING – PLANTING OCTOBER



PARK UPDATE:

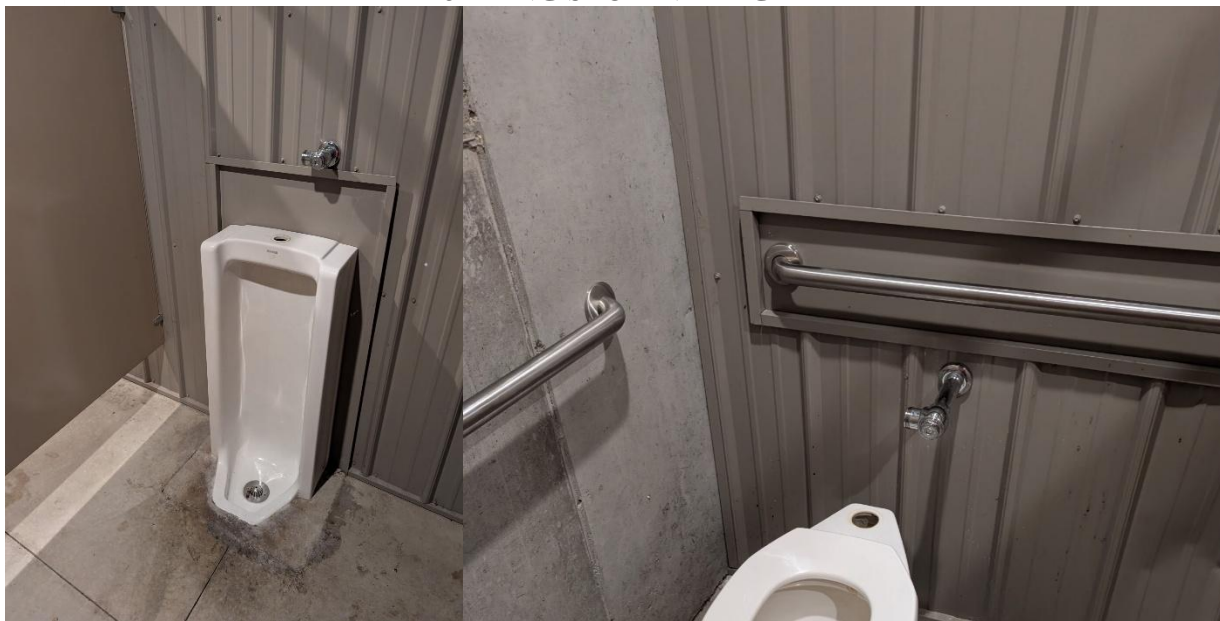
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ITALIAN DAYS PREP



PLUMBING STOLEN REDGATE



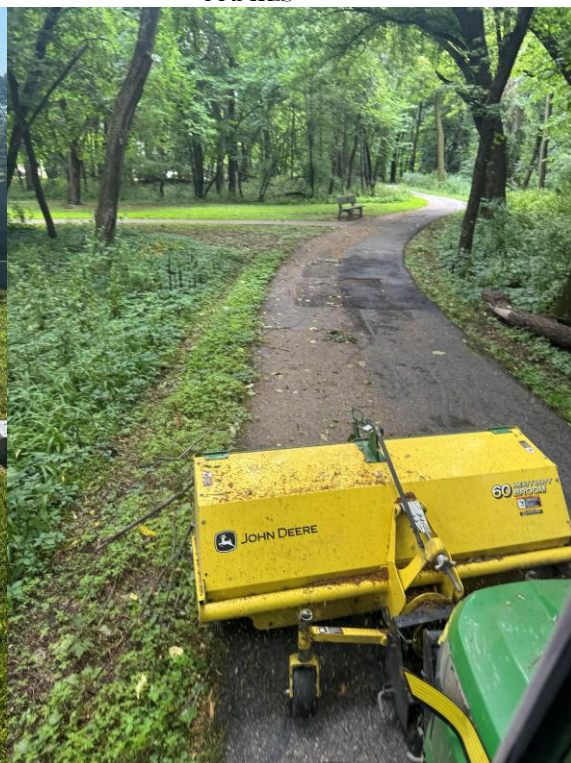
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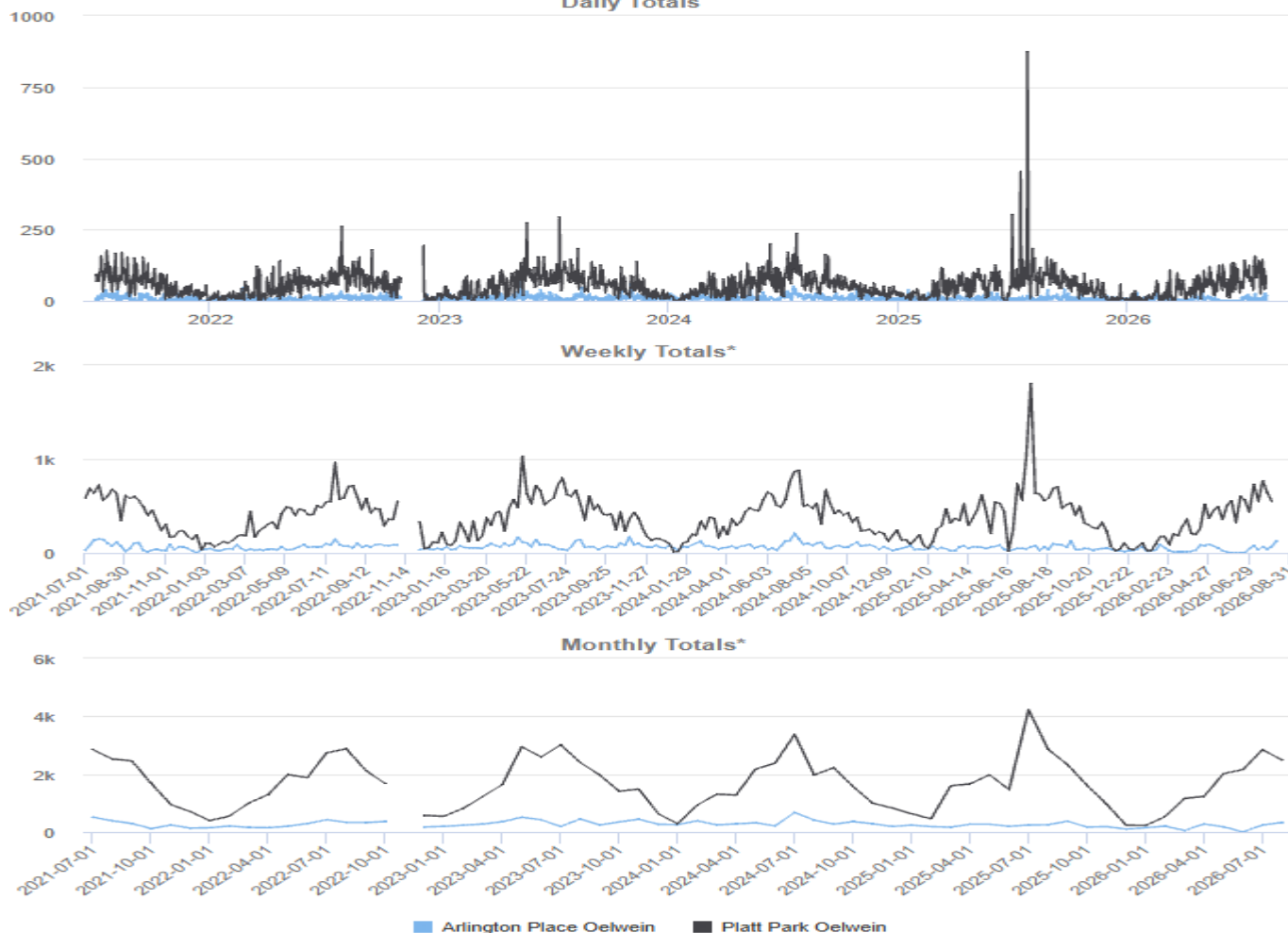
DEPOT PARK





Daily/Weekly/Monthly totals

2021-07-01 to 2026-08-31 (1888 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	178	2	241	329*					5.432	1,983	222
	Platt Park Oelwein	226	526	1,160	1,230	2,018	2,158	2,846	2,487*					49.258	17,979	221

ADT† = Average Daily Traffic

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

FULL BURIALS – 20
CREMATIONS – 12

JOSHUA JOHNSON MA
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