



**Trails Update:** Johnson stated that their trail bill, House File 35 was passed by the Iowa Senate this past Thursday in Des Moines. This is outstanding news as it will now be put on the Governor's desk for signature. This bill was a necessary requirement for the railroad to extend the trail on segment 1 from 2<sup>nd</sup> St. NW south to the viaduct.

Johnson attended an interesting upper explorer land meeting last week as the available trail funding was once again given completely to the counties. Johnson stated that three projects were proposed and only two county projects were funded. Johnson proposed matching funds to complete segments 4&5 from the existing trail the crosses 6<sup>th</sup> Ave. SW to City Park.

**Aquatics Update:** The park employees have been working on putting the aquatic center back together as there is always a ton of work to complete to get the facility ready each spring. Kim and Johnson started interviewing kids for the aquatic center that are new to the facility this year. The small motor/pump was taken to Thomas Electrical for some routine maintenance and reinstalled. The equipment was brought back into the concession room as it has had a fresh new coat of paint put on it this spring. The park employees started putting the eyeball inlets back into the walls of the pool and draining the diving well down as needed. This past month we completed the second round of paperwork with the staff for the aquatic center at the school. The park employees have continued maintenance on the pool facility patching the shower floors, painting, power spraying and adjusting toilets and sinks. The lounge chairs arrived this week and were purchased with CIP funds and matching funds from the Fayette County Community Foundation. New palm leaves were installed as they have received a lot of wind damage over the years. The chemicals for the pool water showed up this week so we are well prepared. The cemetery employees started removing the fencing around the pool boiler as the contractors are expected to be in soon to replace the boiler. The diving well lines were replaced as the water eats away the rope and is an ongoing maintenance issue. Russ M. has been busy replacing the lost tile on the pool floor and power spraying the deck is a big project this year. Johnson stated that they will have volunteers clean the facility.

**Parks/Cemetery Update:** In late March, we brought the returning employees in for videos and orientation. The employees have been working on going through all the parks, empty lots, and cemeteries picking up sticks and debris. The park employees took fence ties and went around the dog park and aquatic facility reinforcing the fences. The cemetery employees took the grave heaters and propane tanks to the back and started cleaning the roads with the street sweeper. Johnson contacted vendors in March for mulch for the downtown and safety fiber for the playground areas. The park employees took leaf blowers around all structures in the parks blowing leaves out of shelters and fence lines. The cemetery employees borrowed the street sweeper and started cleaning the roads at Woodlawn. The cemetery employees took the pole saw around and trimmed trees along the roadways at Woodlawn.

The park employees have been working in City Park burning off some excess leaves, clearing sticks, grinding stumps, sweeping streets. The cemetery employees have been working on sweeping streets and organizing different areas so that it all looks nice. The cemetery employees started working on the campground churning up the pads and smoothing the pads out and cleaning out fire rings. The guys also had a full burial at Woodlawn this past week and have been working on putting black dirt down on past winter graves. The nets were brought out at the sports complex along with garbage cans and bleachers for the upcoming soccer season. The park department also made the phone call to get portable toilets lined up for the rec soccer. The park employees installed a memorial bench in Platt Park that was donated by the DeLong family.

Johnson stated that the Oelwein tree board not only earned the tree city designation but also received the growth award for all their hard work this past year. Johnson explained to the board that the growth award is given only to tree cities that demonstrate higher levels of tree care and community engagement during the past year. Johnson stated that the park employees did a fantastic job and

finished construction on gravel bed behind the shop area. The gravel bed will enable us to purchase bare root trees at a much cheaper price to plant more trees in the future. Johnson stated that the board met this month and discussed plans as they will have the Arbor Day Proclamation read at the next council meeting next Monday. Johnson also stated that he ordered 75 tree whips from the DNR Forestry Dept. as they will be giving a tree planting demonstration and handing out the trees to 2<sup>nd</sup> graders on Arbor Day which is April 26<sup>th</sup> at 2pm at Wing Elementary.

This past week this department learned that they are the recipients of our grant proposal of \$2,000 to purchase CPR manikins for first responder training. Enbridge installed a large regional gas line years ago northeast of Oelwein back in the early 90's. This department learned that we are the recipients of a Paint Iowa grant through Diamond Vogel paint. This paint will be used to paint picnic tables at the campground during the United Day of Caring in early May. Chris J. took the box scraper to the complex to grade the parking lot and the park employees brought out the nets and bleachers for rec soccer. The cemetery employees spread rock on the north roads at the cemetery and straightened out roadside markers.

Young Caden Palmer installed lettering on the new City Park sign as the paper could not wait for him to finish the project and get a picture of him with the sign. We have been concentrating our efforts to wrap up the campground and the endless tasks at the pool as the warm weather is pushing the grass growth early this season. The park employees have been working on replacing the twist slide at City Park this week. Playground equipment is very time consuming and can be very frustrating getting everything bolted back together. The park employees have helped the rec program by bringing out bleachers, and garbage cans. The cemetery employees and park employees both helped prepare the campground this year, turning the water on, moving picnic tables, spreading a few loads of rock on the pads, leveling them out, spraying pads among other preparations. The trails have been swept as they are every week and streets are being cleaned as well. Foundations for the cemetery have been placed in the paper, websites, and Facebook pages for citizens to get their orders in by next Friday. Playground safety fiber was ordered so that it will be in time for the United Way – Day of Caring on May 3<sup>rd</sup>. The downtown mulch is expected to arrive tomorrow that was ordered weeks ago. Johnson provided the board with trail totals that included the past month and updates on other projects and upcoming plans.

**Board Member Updates:** None

**Adjournment:** 6:14pm

The board members then walked to the south end of the shop and checked out the tree gravel bed that the park department had constructed.

**Next Meeting:** May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024, City Park

**Trails Update:**

- 04/12/2024 Senate amendment [H-8316](#) filed. [H.J. 781](#).
- 04/12/2024 Message from Senate. [H.J. 779](#).
- 04/11/2024 Immediate message. [S.J. 815](#).
- 04/11/2024 **Passed Senate**, yeas 45, nays 0. [S.J. 812](#).
- 04/11/2024 Amendment [S-5060](#) adopted. [S.J. 812](#).
- 03/21/2024 Placed on calendar under unfinished business. [S.J. 611](#).
- 03/12/2024 Placed on calendar.
- 03/12/2024 Amendment [S-5060](#) filed. [S.J. 515](#).
- 03/12/2024 Committee report, recommending amendment and passage. [S.J. 515](#).
- 03/11/2024 Subcommittee reassigned: Sweeney, Celsi, and Evans. [S.J. 508](#).
- 03/11/2024 Subcommittee Meeting: 03/12/2024 8:30AM Room 217 Conference Room.
- 12/31/2023 \* \* \* \* END OF 2023 ACTIONS \* \* \* \* \*
- 02/09/2023 Subcommittee: Sweeney, Evans, and Knox. [S.J. 308](#).
- 02/07/2023 Referred to Natural Resources and Environment. [S.J. 278](#).
- 02/02/2023 Read first time, passed on file. [S.J. 242](#).
- 02/02/2023 Message from House. [S.J. 242](#).
- 02/01/2023 Immediate message. [H.J. 225](#).
- 02/01/2023 **Passed House**, yeas 99, nays 0. [H.J. 218](#).
- 01/25/2023 Placed on calendar. [H.J. 190](#).
- 01/25/2023 Committee report, recommending passage. [H.J. 190](#).
- 01/24/2023 Subcommittee recommends passage. Vote Total: 3-0.
- 01/18/2023 Subcommittee Meeting: 01/24/2023 12:00PM House Lounge.
- 01/17/2023 Subcommittee: Wulf, Bergan and Gjerde. [H.J. 118](#).
- 01/12/2023 Introduced, referred to State Government. [H.J. 77](#).

**Aquatics Update:**

MAINTENANCE



CONCESSIONS



POOL WORK





POOL LIGHTS



POOL STEPS



PLUMBING



SUPPLIES



DOORS INSTALLED



DRAINS PATCHED



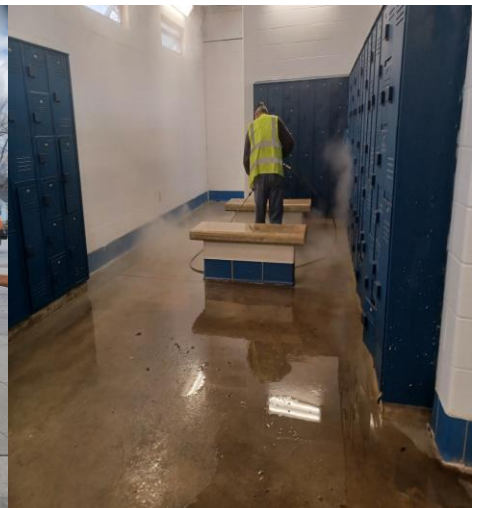
LOUNGE CHAIRS



POWER SPRAYING



POWER SPRAYING



NEW TIKI LEAVES



FOUNTAIN PAINTED



CHEMICAL ARRIVED



FENCING REMOVED



LANE LINES REPLACED



TILING



POWER SPRAYING



**Parks/Cemetery Update:**

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TRAIL SWEEPING



STICKS/BRANCHES



LEAVES



STREET SWEEPING



CLEANING



TREE TRIMMING



BURIALS



ORIENTATION/VIDEOS



ORGANIZING



GRAVEL BED



CITY PARK



TRIMMING



SWEEPING



CAMPGROUND







SOCCER NETS



BURIALS



DELONG BENCH



OELWEIN TREE BOARD

- KYLE SCHEEL
- RON LENTH
- JEFF MILKS
- JOHN FOX



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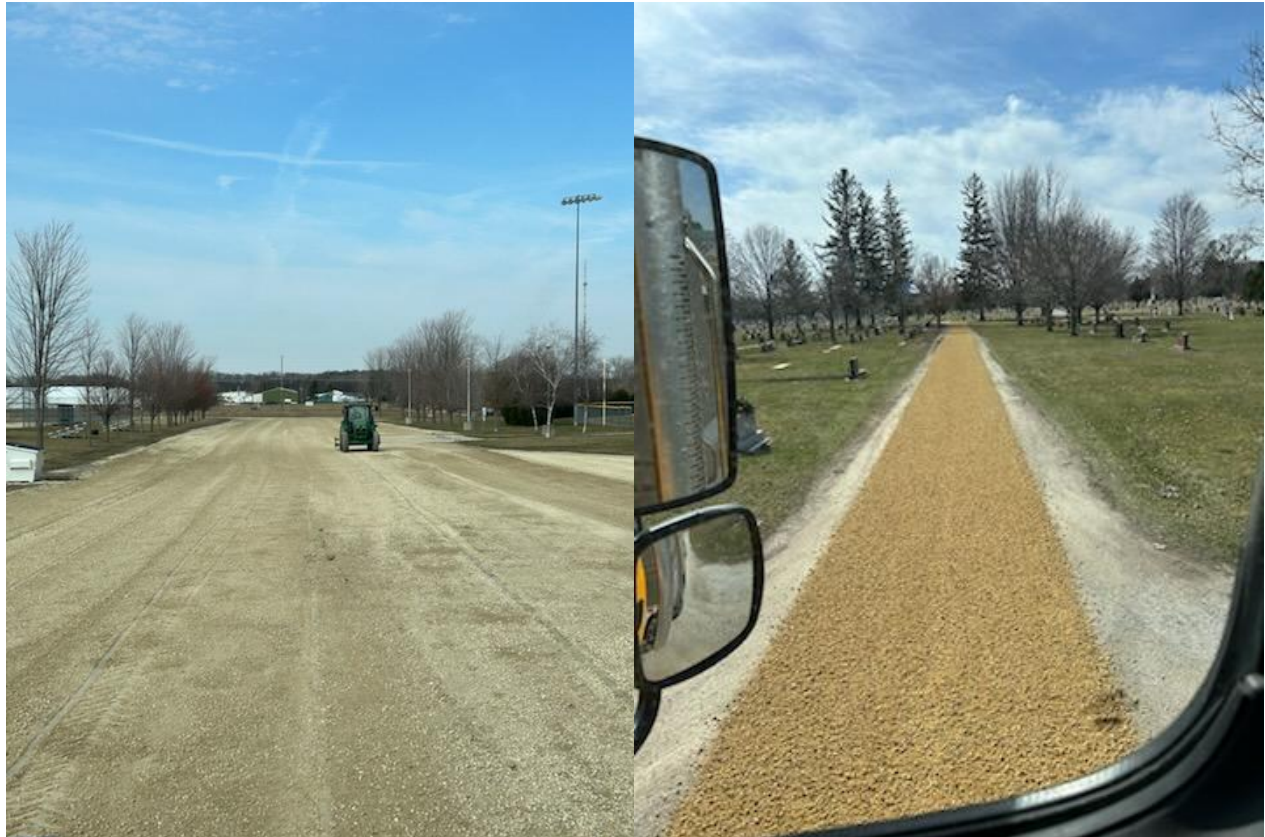

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CEMETERY





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SLIDE REPLACEMENT

SOCCER PREPARATIONS

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CAMPGROUND PADS



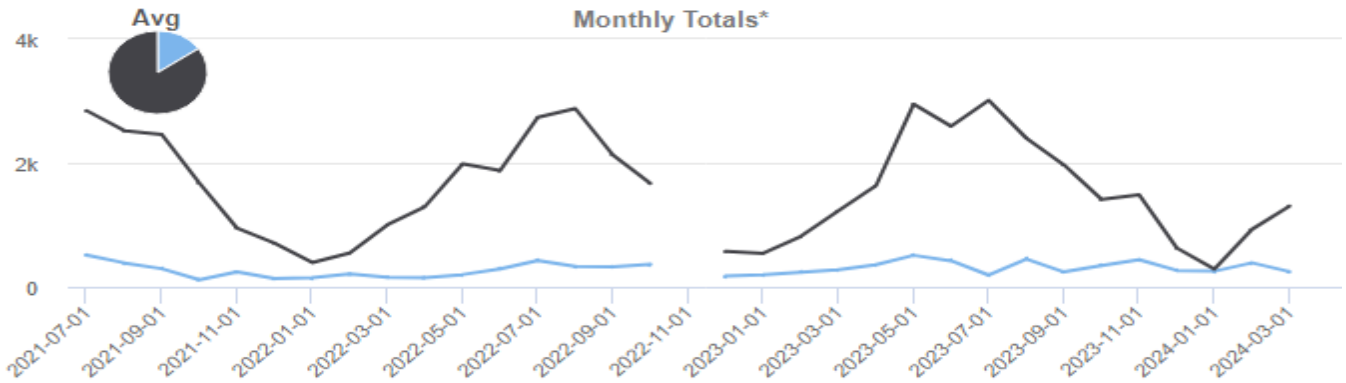
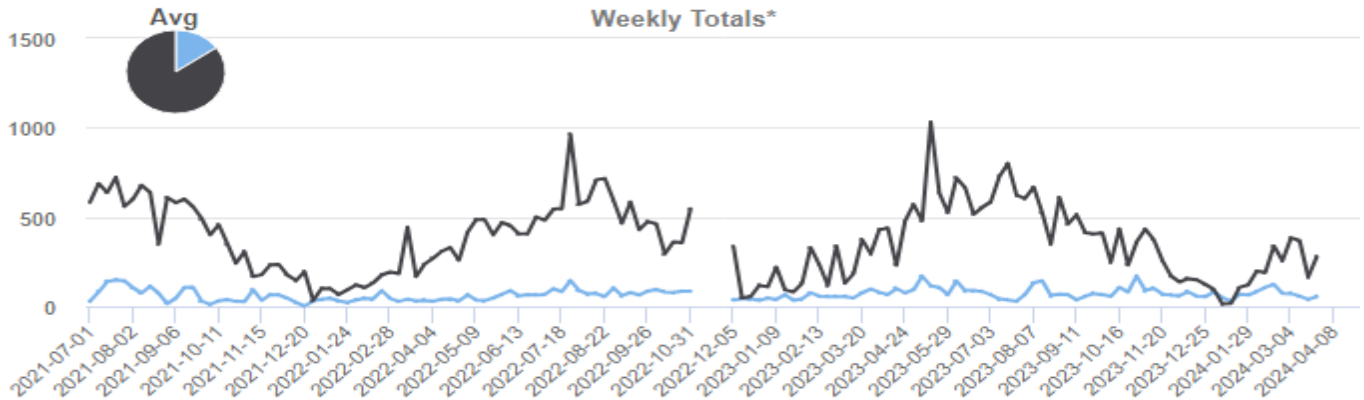
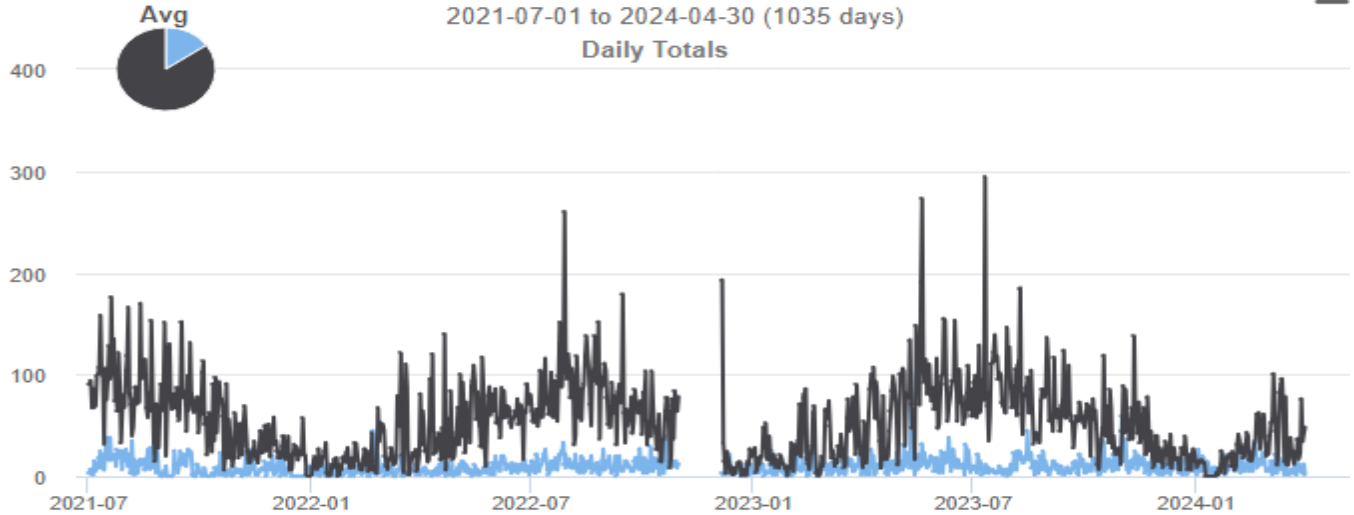


# Daily/Weekly/Monthly totals

2021-07-01 to 2024-04-30 (1035 days)



PARKS / CEMETERY / TRAILS / AQUATICS / CAMPGROUND



■ Arlington Place Oelwein ■ Platt Park Oelwein

## 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
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										9.780	3,580	91
	Platt Park Oelwein	287	930	1,305										27.714	10,143	91

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 ON EQUIPMENT
- SAFETY MEETINGS
- MEET WITH CONTRACTORS
- RETRIEVE & UPLOAD TRAIL COUNT DATA
- WOODLAWN BURIALS
- GRANT WORK

### PROGRESS ON PROJECTS

- WEBSITE UPDATING
- TRAIL EASEMENTS/GRANTS
- WORK ON PARK AND REC MASTER PLAN
- GRINDING STUMPS
- TRAIL MAINTENANCE
- CPO CLASSES TAKEN
- PESTICIDE LICENSE RENEWED
- DELTA DENTAL FOUNDATION PROPOSAL SENT
- STARTED AARP GRANT PROPOSAL
- EAST PENN PROPOSAL FOR TRAIL FUNDS SENT
- SNOW REMOVAL FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
- RJ MCELROY PROPOSAL SENT
- BUDGETS FINISHED AND PRESENTED TO COUNCIL
- STARTED TAP FUNDING APPLICATION
- PLAYGROUND POLICY
- UPPER IOWA APPRECIATION DAY IDEAS SENT
- UNITED WAY DAY OF CARING IDEAS SENT
- FCCF FUNDS SPENT ON ADDITIONAL POOL LOUNGE CHAIRS

### NEXT MONTH AND FUTURE PROJECTS

- REMOVE OLD WELL HOUSES CITY PARK
- REPURPOSE OLD WINGS BRIDGE
- GRANT WRITING
- TRAIL SEGMENT 2
- TRAIL SEGMENTS 4/5 ALIGNMENT
- GRINDING STUMPS
- DIRT WORK COMPLEX
- PAINT ACCENT BRICK – POOL
- REMOVE PRIMITIVE AT REDGATE
- PLAYGROUND SLIDES – CITY PARK
- POOL PREPARATIONS
- POOL BOILER REPLACEMENT
- FLAGPOLE DIAMOND 3

### WOODLAWN BURIALS

- 12
  - 9 FULL BURIALS
  - 3 CREMATION BURIALS

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OELWEIN PARK SUPERINTENDENT

