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## PUBLIC NOTICE: PARK BOARD TO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR MOWING & MAINTAINING ALL CITY PARKS

On February 26, 2024, the Portageville Board of Aldermen held a budget session in which maintenance of City parks was discussed. The Street Superintendent requested a seasonal, part-time employee be hired to help take care of the mowing and trimming responsibilities as the street department has decreased in number over the past couple of years. As discussion followed, it was asked that mowing of the city parks be placed on the agenda for the March 4, 2024 meeting.

When the Board of Aldermen met March 4, 2024, it was unanimously decided that the mowing of all City parks be turned over to the Portageville Park Board as all tax funds (except for \$2000.00 to pay selected Ameren bills) collected for the maintenance and operations of the city parks are turned over to the Park Board in April of each year. This year the turnover amount will be approximately \$50,000.00, and turned over following approval at the April 1, 2024 meeting.

The street department will continue mowing until May 1, 2024, to allow time for the Park Board to plan for the next fiscal year and budget for this additional expense.

If you are interested in bidding on the mowing and trimming of the parks, please contact a member of the Park Board for more information. The Portageville Park Board is scheduled to meet the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of every month at the V.T. & Rita Rogers Building (Red Building) at Meatte Park beginning at 6:30 p.m.