



City of Pataskala Parks and Recreation Department Council Report

Parks

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Administrative

- Parks advisory board made motion on October 4th to amend Section D of the fee schedule. Administration should have a draft ready for council 1st reading for the December meeting.
- **Foundation Park: Athletic Field Development Project:** Preliminary planning for the future of our parks and recreation program growth. Additional parking will be included in the plan as well for this facility improvement. See attached images of proposed parking and new fields proposed as a part of the 2023/2024 budget cycle.
 - Please see attached project overview regarding this project
- **Citizens Park planning:** The Administration continues to plan for some upgrades to the park. Here are some ideas for citizens park to appease residents and to ensure we improve our city park facilities.
 - Pave existing parking lot and do not enlarge
 - Put up a single basketball hoop at non-entrance end of parking lot (maybe even stripe a half court)
 - Gravel walking path around perimeter
 - Grade/seed/mow areas for pickup soccer practices or possibly flag football in future
 - Fence portions where people possibly walking on private property: Hoping to complete some of this work prior to 2023
 - Improve path from street to park
 - Plant trees at property lines (future fence between trees)
- **Licking Park District:**
 - **Freedom Park Walking Path-** ~2700-2900 linear ft of aggregate path within the park. Please see attached project review regarding this project
 - This topic was discussed by the district at their September meeting. The project cost is \$50,000 and Pataskala is requesting 50% from Licking Park District. This was approved by the LPD for 2023.



Park Projects completed/to be completed:

- Municipal Park Dugouts have been constructed. Last step is adding aggregate to the bench areas. With the savings on the project, we are seeking a fence contractor to help repair the backstop and add a few sections to the existing backstop.
- Material bay structure at Foundation Park maintenance garage area.
 - Storage bay structure materials has been ordered. Once the material is in the project will begin. Estimated completion of this project is end November. The contractor working on park dugouts will be the same to construct our material bay structure. In this structure we will have storage space for lumber, soccer goals, equipment attachments and raw materials such as rock and soil for parks maintenance.
- We are adding yet another “stub” to Conaway’s Trail at Foundation Park. Adding these new features, has generated great feedback from frequent park users.

Parks and Recreation News/ New Updates:

Esports:

- Licking Heights is interested in using the Computer Lab. They are in the process of investigating how to start a high school esports program/club. As a reminder we have a total of 8 gaming computers.
 - Currently LH has circulated a survey and have 81 people interested in joining an esports league/club. The school would use/rent our facility for there said program. This is all still in the planning stage and no action has taken place on this. Prior to the end of 2022 there was discussions to host a FIFA and Rocket League Day in the lab.

Aquatics:

- New lifeguard class will take place in December at our police station.
- We have received several applications for the 2023 season including returning employees.



Capital Improvement Project Review

Several projects that are a part of the 2023-2027 budget cycle have seen some changes in cost estimates in comparison to what we have budgeted.

Freedom Park Improvements:

- Walking Path
 - o Budgeted 25k to be combined with Licking Park Districts 25k.

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Project: Freedom Park

Project No: PKL049

Date: 10/19/2022

Prepared By: J. Bull

Project Manager: S. Eppley

| ITEM | GRAND TOTAL | UNIT | DESCRIPTION | LABOR | MATERIALS | UNIT COST | TOTAL |
|------|-------------|------|--|-------------|-----------|--------------------|--------------|
| 103 | 1 | LUMP | PREMIUM FOR CONTRACT PERFORMANCE BOND AND FOR PAYMENT BOND | \$ 3,000.00 | \$ - | \$ 3,000.00 | \$ 3,000.00 |
| 203 | 644 | CY | EXCAVATION, AS PER PLAN (BIKE PATH) | \$ 12.50 | \$ 10.00 | \$ 22.50 | \$ 14,500.00 |
| 623 | 1 | LUMP | CONSTRUCTION LAYOUT STAKES AND SURVEYING | \$ 2,500.00 | \$ - | \$ 2,500.00 | \$ 2,500.00 |
| 624 | 1 | LUMP | MOBILIZATION | \$ 5,000.00 | \$ - | \$ 5,000.00 | \$ 5,000.00 |
| 659 | 5156 | SY | SEEDING AND MULCHING | \$ 1.00 | \$ 0.50 | \$ 1.50 | \$ 7,733.33 |
| 703 | 430 | CY | 6" #57 LIMESTONE (2900 LF 8' WALKING PATH) | \$ 30.00 | \$ 35.00 | \$ 65.00 | \$ 27,925.93 |
| | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | TOTAL | \$ 60,839.26 |
| | | | | | | CONTINGENCY | \$ 12,167.85 |
| | | | | | | CONSTRUCTION TOTAL | \$ 73,007.11 |

- Parking Lot Expansion
 - o Budgeted 20k for the project.

What is the plan now that we have final estimate to ensure that we can get the project complete?

The plan moving forward is to work with Verdantas to create a park exhibit that includes the walking path, parking lot expansion, proposed volleyball space and proposed location for basketball court facilities (2024 budget). Once the exhibit is completed in early 2023, we will then seek bids and will have the parking lot (20K Separate Capital project) in as an alternate bid in hopes that the bids come in under the engineers estimate. The goal is to leave this project in the budget.



Project No: PKL049
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|---------|-------------|------|--|---------------|---------------|
| | | | PAVEMENT | | |
| 203 | 12400 | CY | EXCAVATION | \$ 8.00 | \$ 99,200.00 |
| 203 | 12400 | CY | EMBANKMENT | \$ 8.00 | \$ 99,200.00 |
| 204 | 3858 | SY | SUBGRADE COMPACTION | \$ 4.00 | \$ 15,432.00 |
| 304 | 643 | CY | 6" AGGREGATE BASE | \$ 65.00 | \$ 41,795.00 |
| 602 | 0.50 | CY | CONCRETE MASONRY (HALF-HEIGHT HEADWALLS) | \$ 1,700.00 | \$ 850.00 |
| 611 | 5 | EACH | CATCH BASIN, NO. 2-2B | \$ 1,500.00 | \$ 7,500.00 |
| 611 | 850 | FT | 12" CONDUIT, TYPE C | \$ 60.00 | \$ 51,000.00 |
| 611 | 59 | FT | 18" CONDUIT, TYPE C | \$ 70.00 | \$ 4,130.00 |
| 703 | 214 | CY | 2" #57 LIMESTONE | \$ 65.00 | \$ 13,910.00 |
| 103 | 1 | LUMP | PREMIUM FOR CONTRACT PERFORMANCE BOND AND FOR PAYMENT BOND | \$ 1,500.00 | \$ 1,500.00 |
| 623 | 1 | LUMP | CONSTRUCTION LAYOUT STAKES AND SURVEYING | \$ 4,000.00 | \$ 4,000.00 |
| 624 | 1 | LUMP | MOBILIZATION | \$ 10,000.00 | \$ 10,000.00 |
| SPECIAL | 1 | LUMP | SOCCER FIELDS AND COMMON AREAS (PROVIDED BY FIELD SOURCE) | \$ 157,460.00 | \$ 157,460.00 |
| | | | TOTAL | | \$ 505,977.00 |
| | | | CONTINGENCY | | \$ 50,597.70 |
| | | | CONSTRUCTION TOTAL | | \$ 556,574.70 |

Big Ticket Items

Earthwork: \$198,400

Parking Lots: \$71,137

Storm Sewer: \$63,480

2023-2024: Parks department budget \$110,000

How can we fund such a large project?

With a cost of \$557k and the department only budgeting 110K over the next two years the department is back to the drawing board. The quotes before you were received in early October.

This project is a priority, but it can't happen let alone start unless I do some sort fundraising, seek corporate sponsorship/partnerships, or seek a new funding stream such as a levy potential in 2023.

Funding options:

- Seek to ask the community
- Corporate sponsors/partners that see the vision and the importance of having large community open space.

As we move into the final discussions for the 2023-2027 budget cycle, I wanted to bring to your attention that our city is growing with young families. The needs for our parks facilities and recreation programs need consistent revenue to offer what our community has been asking for and also need to improve the quality of lives of those in the area and those who are seeking to move in. After doing some research with the county auditor's office seeking hypothetical numbers, if the city went to the voters to support the city's parks and recreation department. From this research with the county, we found that based upon the last years valuation (TY21) for Pataskala city:

- Each .25 mill requested would generate \$132,434.00 and cost \$8.75 per \$100,000 market value for the taxpayer.