

City of Pataskala Parks and Recreation Department Council Report
Lenier Crawford, Parks Manager



Administrative

- **Supplemental Ordinance**
 - The parks and recreation department is seeking additional funds for the salary and wages for our seasonal parks and recreation employees. Currently our seasonal maintenance employees once hired will only have a total of 19 weeks which would end their season in August. The departments operational need require seasonal employees to work a minimum of 25 weeks. This supplemental appropriation will allow for our upcoming employees to work from mid-April - October
- **Park Projects:**
 - **Karr Park Improvements NatureWorks Grant:**
 - We will be seeking 3-5 contractors to perform paths and site prep for the installation of the health and fitness equipment. Later this month which is dependent on weather and snow on the ground.
- **Ordinance 2020-4379** Amending section D of the current fee schedule adding fees, changing grammatical errors etc.
- **Parks Onboarding**
 - Pool Employees: Currently seeking applicants:
 - Season Maintenance: Currently seeking applicants:
 - Internships: Seeking applicants:

Parks and Recreation News/ New Updates:

- **News:**
 - The parks have seen many accounts of vandalism over the last few months. On February 7th a driver was sited driving all over the park by the Parks Manager. The Pataskala Police acted fast and was able to pull the driver over and issue a court date for February 18th. Will be discussing with Kip
 - Spoke with Detectives and they will begin adding trail cameras to parks with most issues as well as increasing nighttime presence within our parks when time allows.
 - Met with Licking Park District on 2/10/2021
 - Discussed future partnership in detail. Planning to meet the LPD Director in early March to walk the Tyler Powell Preserve and the city property for potential collaboration in 2021. Present in the meeting were Tim Hickin, Mike Compton, Lenier Crawford, Brenda Sams, Richard Waugh and Jim Karicofe