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Ms. Kathy Hoskin
Clerk of Council
621 W. Broad St.
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Dear Ms. Hoskin,

I recently had the opportunity to talk with Lenier Crawford, the Parks and Recreation Manager, and I was made aware of a vacancy on the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. It is for this reason that I am writing to you as I feel I could be a valuable asset to this advisory board.

I have been a resident of Pataskala for 20+ years, growing up as a child and now choosing to raise my own family in this amazing city. As a child, I started my soccer career within the Pataskala Recreation Association: continuing to play through high school and eventually coaching the first Junior Varsity team at Licking Heights. PRA and Pataskala parks had a major impact on my childhood and I see them as integral parts to our community. I also had the extreme fortune of learning from my parents, who were very involved in the community and schools, allowing me to see the impact they were able to make with their dedication. Now that I am a father, I have begun to see the parks in a whole new light. This has just reinforced the importance of having these facilities available to our community. Not only do I want my children to learn the value of community involvement, I want to help make more amenities available for children within our parks. I have seen this city grow from a small farm town to a rapidly growing and thriving suburb. I want to get involved and see our parks thrive with the rest of our city.

I am a reliable, hardworking, quick-learner who is determined to do my part in making our parks a great asset to this community. While I don't not have any experience in small government or this type of position; my education in agricultural business and applied economics, along with my experience working for my family business has taught me the importance of allocating limited resources to have the greatest impact. Pataskala has been my home for most of my life and is extremely important to me. I want to take advantage of any opportunity I have to give back to this city. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,
Derek Lee