



## Parks Department Council Report

### Parks Department Updates

- Community events coming:
  - Open house: November 20<sup>th</sup> PBR and the Parks Manager will be hosting an open house to discuss the Liberty Park Concept Plan
- News: The Parks and Recreation Department was awarded the Nature Works Grant in the full amount of 68,579. As a result, CIP PRK-17-006 was changed to \$91,500 to reflect the full amount of the total project cost. This amount should be spent to receive the full grant awarded to us.
- Parks Board Report
  - Recommendations to create a playground safety policy as we proceed with developing our parks. We must have something in place to help with risk management.
  - Eagle Scout Project Freedom Park:
    - Poles have been installed now waiting for the rain to cease so that the lights can be installed. Electricity was ran from the pole at the street.
- Project Updates
  - Karr Park Project:
    - Please review PowerPoint slides provided
  - Liberty Park Concept Plan OHM:
    - Please review the concept plan attached in report
  - **Foundation Park**
    - Holding tank: **~\$11,000 has been placed in CIP for this project**

Offseason: Clearing dead trees and grape vines from the woods

#### Municipal Park

- Discussed with TREE KING the importance of this being taken care of ASAP.

#### Liberty Park

- Will begin clearing NON-NATIVE Trees from perimeter of pond once growth slows down. Begin prepping trail past the bridge for work in spring for park improvements

#### Freedom Park:

- Drainage in the park playground needs work
- Fields also has poor drainage and will need drain tiling to help reduce standing water.

### Future planning and thoughts for the Parks and Recreation Dept.:

1. Outdoor education classes offered by the city will include the following.
  - Passport to fishing program: Which will lead into hosting a passport to fishing program at Liberty Park and Citizens Park beginning in May of 2019
  - Offer more than sports in our recreation department

- i. After school art programs: Contact Tiffane Warren with Licking Heights to begin discussion regarding using their art rooms for afterschool art programs and to see if any other area opens up to provide additional programs for Licking Heights Students etc.
- Fishing events: Liberty Park Fall 2019 and Citizens Park Summer 2019
  1. Archery courses (Ace Archery/OSU archery team)
2. Licking Park District:
  - **Meeting with LPD November 15<sup>th</sup> to walk both properties. Planning to wrk together to apply for a clean Ohio grant in February 2020**
3. Fun Family Fitness in the Parks 2019
  - Please review attachment for Community Health Initiative through the Parks department and the YMCA.
4. Parks and Recreation Interns/developing new job titles
  - I have sent out an application via handshake to seek volunteers/interns who are willing to learn and help develop our parks and recreation department

# Karr Park Community Garden Project

City of Pataskala Parks and Recreation Department  
Lenier Crawford BS Parks and Recreation Manager

## Pataskala Parks and Recreation Department mission:

- ▶ Our mission is to strengthen our community by maintaining a community garden that provides a common ground for neighborhood members to garden together and get to know each other.
- ▶ Doing this will allow the residents of Pataskala to create a healthy community through sustainable living and outdoor education.
- ▶ The community garden will be developed and maintained by the department with the help of local garden volunteers in Pataskala. We are partnering with the Licking County Master Gardeners through the OSU Extension Program to help provide active living resources and researched based outdoor gardening education.

## Why is this project important for the Pataskala Community?

- ▶ Provide an open space for community gatherings and family events.
- ▶ Include neighbors of various ages, races and ethnic backgrounds.
- ▶ Offer educational opportunities and vocational skills for youths.
- ▶ Target or include lower-income residents.
- ▶ Enable gardeners to sell their produce through our local farmer's market.
- ▶ Build in a method to encourage the donation of surplus produce to food shelters.

## What is the Project?

- ▶ Bring urban agriculture to the city and allow our youth and adults to take advantage of hands on opportunities to learn and prosper from this opportunity. Expand and generate feedback and work to partner with local school districts to help create a farm to school program in the future here in Pataskala. Possible to use Karr Park as a hands on learning experience location for schools in the area.
- ▶ Purpose of project in 2019: Revitalize and bring park to life
  - ▶ Revitalize existing raised bed so that they can be used for gardens in the 2019 growing season. Hope to generate interest for expansion in 2020 or 2021
  - ▶ Plant flowers in the many areas we have near shelters
  - ▶ Plant pollinator gardens
  - ▶ Bee Hives for fresh honey (Education)
  - ▶ Plant berries and a few fruit trees on the property
  - ▶ Provide a location for hands on gardening workshop for adults and youth in the community. Could offer community service hours to those who have an interest.



Location indicated behind Pataskala City Hall.  
621 W. Broad St., Pataskala, Ohio 43062

Where will the garden be located?

### Karr Park



## Karr Park Cont'd



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## Who do I expect to attend and benefit from the community garden project?

- ▶ Retirees looking for extra curricular activities
  - ▶ Gardening is a way to exercise and enjoy being outdoors
- ▶ Youth in the community
- ▶ Older adults who would like to teach others basic skills to be self sustaining
- ▶ Gardening is a way to exercise and enjoy being outdoors
- ▶ Families from other cultures who would like to grow traditional foods not available in local stores
- ▶ Families who are interested in vegetable and flower planting
  - ▶ Families may not have space at home and would like to have a location to grow healthier options.

## Leads Center

- ▶ November 16<sup>th</sup> I will be meeting with the Leads Center Director to discuss the possibility of being able to donate the vegetables we grow in the gardens to the food bank.



## When would the project begin?

### ▶ Timeline:

#### **Late October-November:**

- ▶ Begin Clearing garden beds and removing warped wood
- ▶ Power Wash/Scrub existing beds

**January:** Begin LCMG education classes the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month. 9:30 am-11am. 10:30-11am will be questions and answers

Location: Pataskala United Methodist Church

**April 13<sup>th</sup>:** Open Gardens for planting (BBQ gathering) Karr Park

## Promoting and publicizing the project

- ▶ Local newspapers
  - ▶ Pataskala Post
  - ▶ Newark Advocate
  - ▶ Columbus Dispatch
- ▶ Social Media
  - ▶ Facebook
  - ▶ Instagram
  - ▶ Twitter
- ▶ Face to face discussions
- ▶ Flyer delivery to local businesses and school districts



## Resources Provided

- ▶ Water
- ▶ Tools
- ▶ Fencing
- ▶ Compost bins
- ▶ Shelters
- ▶ Woodchips
- ▶ Large Equipment





# Health and Fitness in the park in Pataskala 2019

**Mission:** To promote the importance of being physically active in the community by offering programs and activities that enhance or improve the quality of life of all in the community

**Goal:** Offer free group fitness classes and family fun activities

## **Who will run the classes?**

Parks manager will be involved at least 1-2 classes per week. The parks department will be working alongside of the YMCA. We also have an interest in college interns from Ohio State to help with running the programs.

## **When will the classes start:**

Running club/Walking club will begin in April every Saturday @ 7 am

Group Fitness Classes at 1 of the 7 parks in Pataskala

Family Fun Fitness Day: Will be offered 2 Saturdays per month beginning in May 2019

- Family teamwork
- Strength challenges
- Aerobic challenges
- Mental games
- Music
- Healthy snacks offered with refreshments

## **What will be offered?**

- Yoga/Chair Yoga (YMCA)
- Circuit Training
- Strength and conditioning (
- Zumba (YMCA)
- Trail walking
- Bootcamp (Lenier)
- Low intensity
- Run/walk club
- High Intensity
- Nutrition topics
- Fitness videos for all populations (YMCA/Parks Manager)
- Cooking demonstrations (Carrie Mckee Licking County Health Department)

## **Where will the classes be located?**

- Foundation Park
- Freedom Park
- Municipal Park
- Karr Park
- Police Station Fitness Space (Officer training ran by Lenier Crawford 1 day per week + fitness plan?)







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10/24/2018