

City of Pataskala Parks and Recreation Department Council Report

Lenier Crawford, Parks Manager



Administrative

- Held a special park meeting to discuss the following:
 - Eagle Scout Project Policy has been sent to Buildings and Grounds waiting for confirmation to accept and send to council for approval
 - Discuss direction for park concepts plans with OHM: Karr Park, Citizens and Foundation
 - **Recommendation to council for Parks Board**
 - **CIP Project: Citizens Parking Lot Expansion**
 - After receiving a quote to expand the parking lot in the amount of \$45,000 (material only) the budgeted \$10,000 is not enough to complete this year. Parks board agreed that using the appropriated funds for removing tree in Liberty Park. Removing/cleaning the area of trees in the wooded lot would allow for us to maximize the Nature Works Grant funds for park improvements.

- News:
 - Took a Grant Management Course April 9 and 10th
 - Give me the understanding how to properly management government grants. I intend to continue to write them as the parks department can benefit greatly from other revenue streams.
 - Parks Maintenance Employee: Attended a Archery Certification Course March 29th. He is now certified. He will be present at some of our other activities and events.

- Project Updates
 - **Liberty Park**
 - We are anticipating putting the job out to bid in May
 - Nature Play Area: Lonnie Braiser with Tree King is obtaining a quote to clear and clean out the area so that we may go in a plat where amenities would go.
 - **Our mission for this project is to maximize what we can add to the park. Scott Haines and I will be meeting at the site to walk the property and use the concept plan created by OHM to produce construction plans that will be used during the bidding process.**

- **Foundation Park bathroom improvements:** See attached quote
 - Bathroom updates will take place the first week in March. We will add new partitions to the bathrooms, refinish the walls and paint them. New bathroom fixtures will be added to each as well.

- **Foundation Park Holding Tank CIP:**
 - Waiting for confirmation from Ventura Bros. Looking to start the work the week of April 15th. States that it will be a two-day job.
 - Quote to install the high-water alarm: ~\$1600
 - Restoration from Quality Yard and Maintenance: \$1500

➤ **Foundation Park Softball Diamond:**

- Concrete pads complete as of April 2nd: Photos will be given on council day

➤ **Upcoming Events:**

- Easter Egg Hunt April 13th @ Foundation Park
- Healthy Kids Day April 27th hosted by the YMCA: Foundation Park: Parks and recreation department is sponsoring the Trail Race and \$500 worth of healthy snacks for the residents
- May 18th: Kids to the Park Day

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: **Brightwater Anglers Derby (June 22nd)**
2. Licking County Recycling: Reached out and will be working with outreach coordinator for programs etc. at our local activities and events.
3. **July 18th: Licking Parks District will be coming to Citizens Park to host a Try it: During this event residents can come to the park and try a canoe and or a kayak in the pond. More information to come.**