

City of Pataskala Parks and Recreation Department Council Report
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Administrative

- **Resolution 2020-001** A resolution authorizing and directing the City Administrator to re-advertise, receive, and review bids for the Liberty Park NatureWorks Grant Funded Improvements Project.
- **In progress:** Working with Brian Zets to obtain contract agreements: For- Profit and Non-Profit organizations offering services to the community.
- **ORDINANCE 2019-4357 Third Reading** An ordinance to amend the City of Pataskala schedule of Municipal Fees and thereby add Section D (Parks and Recreation)
- **Outdoor Fitness Classes:** Looking to continue with The Movement in 2020 and aiming to partner with YMCA to offer local fitness classes free. The parks department was awarded an instructor grant by NRPA which will be used to offer a free 12-week class to those in the community who need a kick start to begin a health and fitness program. Active Living Everyday Program will be offered yearly starting in the Summer of 2020.
- **Licking County Soil and Water:** \$750 will be reimbursed to the City of Pataskala. City of Pataskala will be developing outdoor teaching gardens providing educational demonstrations and creating education materials for the William V. Karr Park. Using funds to purchase plants for the demonstration gardens. Licking County Master Gardner's will be helping with creating content and layout of the garden space.
- **Pool Management:** Working on an ordinance for the second meeting the January. AN ORDINANCE TO CREATE, AND ESTABLISH COMPENSATION FOR, A NEW PARKS AND RECREATION EMPLOYMENT WITHIN THE CITY OF PATASKALA
 - Planning to begin advertising for all position the week of January 20th.
 - Interviewing for all positions will begin the week of February 24th, 2020.
 - Working with PRA to start agreement process for concessions stand operations
- **Park Planning:**
 - Waiting for a proposal from OHM to update park plans created in 2019. OHM will send proposal to create park plans for Freedom Park and Municipal Park
- **Applying for ODNR Community Archery Equipment Grant:**
 - Will be taking archery instruction course January 9th. If awarded the parks department will have equipment on hand for future program clinics. Parks department anticipates working with the County Parks system to obtain their newly acquired archery trailer.

Parks and Recreation News/Updates:

- **Out of school time activity partnership opportunities:**
 - Parks have been working with both school districts and Tech r 2 about the possibility of partnering together to offer out of school time activities. Licking Heights has expressed the interest to explore the possibility of adding technology programs. There is a meeting set for January 15th with

SWL school to discuss possibility to partner in the future. The parks department has been reviewing current trends in the recreation field. 2020 goals for the department mentioned exploring additional opportunities to add program that included archery, E-Sports which includes other technology programs such as coding, cyber security, video game development. Local company Tech r 2 has committed to providing a system engineer to help create an E-sports Club/Technology Program. A program proposal is being worked on and will be available for review after the February Parks Advisory Board meeting.

- Local Girl Scout Troop will be working to create a Little Library in Freedom Park. Once forms have been completed by the troop, we will begin the process for buildings and grounds approval and council once submitted.