

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



**Administrative**

- **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) Remain Tabled Until February 18<sup>th</sup>
  - **Aiming to pass the fee structure for the pool operations only**
  - **Looking at fee structure to have a applicable start date of July 1**
- **Outdoor Fitness Classes:** Active Living Everyday Program will be offered yearly starting in the Summer of 2020.
  - **First Session will begin in June 2020\_** Working on the details with Jamie Goudy YMCA coordinator more information to come February 18<sup>th</sup> meeting report
- **Parks Board:**
  - Board recommending partnering with the Pataskala Lions Club to host the Easter Egg Hunt on April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at Foundation Park
  - Eagle Scout project was discussed: Waiting to hear from the scout at a parks board meeting in February or March. Ideas brought up:
    - Gaga Pit Install (Volunteer Park)
    - Checkers/chess picnic table idea: (Location Undecided)
- **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 Gardener's will be helping with creating content and layout of the garden space.
- **Master Gardener Volunteers:** Working with the volunteers to begin planning process for the pollinator flower garden
- **New Employees:**
  - Advertisements for positions have gone out. Will hire parks maintenance employees first
  - Aiming to have all pool employees hired no later than April 20th
- **Park Planning:**
  - Waiting for park renderings from OHM.
  - Liberty Park: Pre-Bid Meeting complete BID opening is February 7<sup>th</sup>

**Parks and Recreation News/Updates:**

- **Out of school time activity partnership opportunities:**
  - Parks have been working with Licking Heights school district and Tech r 2 and the YMCA 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 with the help of Tech r2. 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.