

City of Pataskala Parks and Recreation Department Council Report
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Administrative

- **Park Projects:**
 - **Karr Park Improvements NatureWorks Grant:**
 - Final Pay app has been submitted. Holding retainage until punch list items are taken care of.
 - Submitting ODNR final grant report no later than the 30th of November.
- **ORDINANCE NO. 2021-4408:**

AN ORDINANCE CREATING AND ESTABLISHING A NEW POSITION WITHIN THE CITY OF PATASKALA PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT, TO WIT: SWIM LESSON INSTRUCTOR
- This is an ordinance to create a swim lesson instructor position within the parks and recreation department. The Pataskala Municipal Pool has been offering a swim lesson program for many years under previous operation with official instructors. The recreation department now would like to create an official position for the pool operations to allow for a streamlined approach to our summer pool operations. In the past guards were working as both an instructor and a guard which meant longer days and burnout. With this implementation we can now hire swim instructors and use guards with experience as substitutes or helpers if needed. This addition is going to bring many more swim lesson opportunities for the community residents including adults.
- **Licking County Park District:** Parks Manager is meeting with Licking Park District to discuss Tyler Powell Reserve (Mill St park). We will meet on site to brainstorm how our 30-acre city property in conjunction with theirs could be use in the future as a park. This meeting is merely introductory and nothing final will come from the meeting. The first steps are to see whether a parking lot could be placed on our existing property, see if trails can be cut in on their 13-acre tract of property and to decide other ways this park can be used for our Pataskala resident's pleasure.
- **Foundation Park Shelter Structure:** Late this Fall we will be adding a structure to Foundation Park. The permit application has been approved by the county.
 - Shelter project started on November 8th. Slab will be completed on November 11th. The structure will be complete before thanksgiving as promised. This shelter addition is going to provide additional shade for gathering and events on site and another revenue source for shelter rentals.

Parks and Recreation News/ New Updates:

- **News:**
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