

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



Administrative

- **Park Projects:**
 - **Karr Park Improvements NatureWorks Grant:**
 - Project is completed. Contractor will be coming back out in spring to touch up the seeding and mulching around the edge of the path in a few areas.
 - **With the winter season upon us I will be doing the following:**
 - Trail Maintenance: Snow/Ice Removal at Municipal, Karr, Foundation and Liberty Park. The Taylor Rd path will be done on an as needed basis.
 - Woods Management: Foundation Park. We will be cleaning up areas to make the wooded path aesthetically pleasing
 - Shelter Benches: Wood replacement and staining will take place for all benches under our shelters.
 - Benches along Conaway's Trail will be fixed as several of them have been damaged due to fallen trees.
 - Planning aquatics
 - Fence post and rails replacement in parks will occur
- **Licking County Park District:** Parks Manager met with Licking Park District to discuss Tyler Powell Reserve (Mill St Park). We met on site to brainstorm how our 30-acre city property in conjunction with theirs could be used in the future as a passive park. This meeting was merely introductory to propose something to give to council to form a partnership with Licking Park District so that our residents have another site to use within the city. The first steps were to see whether a parking lot could be placed on our existing property and see if trails can be cut in on our city property and join their 13-acre tract of property. After walking both parcels (See image of tracking) we concluded that their 13-acre tract is not 100% usable for trails due to the high-water banks along areas we could put pathways and a lot of dead trees on the ground. This can be cleared in the future for potential use for paths later. There is a small section of their 13-acre tract that can be used which is what we are proposing to move forward with. I have provided a mock image of what a trail could look like on this property. We would like to start working on the trails this winter. The Park District plans to have their Volunteer Coordinator Karen Jennings who can get a volunteer or 2 and one or two staff to assist
 - **We are working with the district to see about having the properties professionally looked at to provide us with the best usage of the space (Tyler Powell Preserve and our existing property on Mill st) for future partnership based on feedback from Council at the December 6th council meeting.**

Parks and Recreation News/ New Updates:

- **News:**
 - **Soccer Registration is going on now**

- **Easter Egg Hunt: Proposed Date is April 9th per Lions Club**
- **Registration for Aquatic programs: Active**
- **Licking Memorial will be using our facilities for Walk with a Doc program on March 16th and July 30th.**