



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

➤ New Items

• New Operational Updates

- Hiring for the aquatic department is moving along. All approved employees began pre-season training [April 24th](#). The employees will be starting on a staggered schedule. So far we have 20 lifeguards slated to be here this summer for the pool season.
- The contractor has de-winterized our facilities.
- Pool leaks are being fixed by Cruikshank.
 - Grease trap was replaced.
 - A new gasket for sand filter installed along with pressure relief valve for the sand filter.
- New chemical pumps were installed.
- The Story Walk is scheduled for May 16th @ Municipal Park.

➤ Ongoing Items

• Foundation Park

- Turf Management of all athletic fields are ongoing in prep for youth soccer season and baseball season.
- Basketball backboards have been delivered and scheduled for installation in the late spring season after prep work once mowing slows down in May.
- Planning Conaway's Trail fence work for safety concerns.
 - The poles we installed were removed by park goers and thrown in river. We will replace in May or June 2023
- Will be working on a tree replacement plan to replace what has been removed over the years and to add aesthetics and shade. We have a lot of dead trees and invasive species that need remedied.
- Removing Raccoon: This process is not completed but the wildlife company started to remove feces and all raccoons. In-house we will add barriers to avoid future occurrences.
 - Prep work: Cut in a hole for removal of feces.

- Security cameras will be added at this facility in early spring waiting on contractor.

- **Municipal Park**

- Basketball backboards have been delivered and scheduled for installation late spring/early summer season after prep work.
- Dug out gravel project has been planned for the facility:
- Adding a Dog pot station to the park in May for trail users.
- Camera installation has been planned and will take place in early spring.
 - Additional camera inside pool facility.
 - Additional camera near shelter that will capture shelter visitors and playground users.
- The fence has been repaired near the river overlook and the pool fence was repaired after the damaging winds.
- Inside the pool facility: Pressure washing has started as of April 24th. Planning to have water in the pool no later than May 8th 2023.

- **Karr Park**

- Planning bathroom updates
 - Replacing sink fixture.
 - Garden beds have been cleaned out.
 - A new split rail fence has been installed in parking lot. More to be completed at a future date.

- **Citizens Park**

- Citizens Park Fence Project is planned for this year.
- The Public Service Department completed the headwall and dredged the pond. The pond looks great

- **Volunteer Park**

- Parts of the fence around LEADS have been repaired and more will occur over the next few weeks.
- Grass restoration work in process.
- Dragging ball diamonds weekly. Also planning infield mix installation once available by the vendor.

- **Freedom Park**
 - An invoice will be sent to LPD to receive \$25,000 once we commit to a bid schedule. Once the \$25,000 is received by the Finance Director we will come back to the council for a supplemental.
 - *Seeking to put project out to Bid in June of 2023.*

- **Liberty Park**
 - Pond management activities are underway.
 - Playground/woods: will add split rail fence to connect the adjacent neighborhood in the future.

- **Park Manager Updates**
 - No additional updates at this time

Respectfully submitted,

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