



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

➤ New Items

• New Operational Updates

- June 24th is the Outdoor Adventure Day event at Foundation Park.
 - An alternative location is Citizens Park or Liberty Park.
- YMCA Day Camp (Passport to Fishing) was a success. We intend to work with the YMCA for future day camp activities in the parks.
- YMCA Esports Camp: Scheduled for June 26th, June 28th, June 30th.
 - Karr Park will be used as well as the computer lab. The day campers will be on site along with YMCA and Parks Department staff. On the day of the event, campers will be competing playing the Rocket League game.

➤ Ongoing Items

• Foundation Park

- Basketball backboards have been delivered and scheduled for installation in the early summer. There is a lot of preparation work to happen prior to closing the area for installation. We will need to repaint all poles. We will use the bucket truck from the Public Service Department to complete this work.
- Planning Conaway's Trail fence work for safety concerns.
 - The poles we installed were removed by park goers and thrown into the river. We are still planning to replace them in the summer with sturdier material.
- 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.
- Municipal Park.
 - Adding electric to Municipal Park shelter pole to ensure we can capture images of the shelter and playground users.

Waiting for the contractor to meet on site to confirm work and cost. This will be completed in the summer of 2023.

- Due to the lack of depth in the pond and quantity of fish, we are experiencing low oxygen levels, which results in fish kills. We are managing this day by day to ensure that the fish are not causing any stench concerns for park users.

- **Municipal Park**

- Basketball backboards have been delivered and are scheduled for installation in the early summer season following the necessary prep work.
- Dugout gravel is complete.
- Dog pot station complete.
- Weeds in the mulch bed will be taken care of prior to Poppy's Field Memorial. To reduce the risk of killing other thriving plants in the mulch bed, we will not be using spray for the weeds. Instead, we will remove the vegetation by hand and rake it out to reapply mulch where it is needed.

- **Karr Park**

- Planning bathroom updates
 - Replacing sink fixture.
 - Garden beds have been cleaned out.
- Some of the Community Garden plots are being used by residents and Conine village residents.
 - The Conine Village manager was informed of the process required for residents to use the community garden plots.

- **Citizens Park**

- Citizens Park Fence Project is planned for this year.
- Fish stocking is occurring in June at this facility.
- Aeration equipment for this park has been installed. The necessary electric work for the aeration equipment will soon follow.

- **Volunteer Park**

- Parts of the fence around LEADS have been repaired and more will occur in June.
- We are dragging the ball diamonds weekly.
- Putting up soccer goals in June as we prep for a busy Fall soccer season.

- **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.
 - This project bid opening is scheduled for June 20th.
 - The walking path will be the base bid. The parking lot, basketball court and volleyball court projects will be alternate bids.

- **Liberty Park**
 - Pond management activities are underway.
 - Playground/woods: will add split rail fence to connect the trail to the adjacent neighborhood in the future.
 - Fish stocking is occurring in June at this facility.

- **Park Manager Updates**
 - On 6/10/2023, there was an altercation during the 9–10-year-old soccer championship match which warranted police presence. The situation has been handled by the administration.
 - Swimming lessons
 - Due to the recent cold weather and water temperatures, we had to switch all session one participants to session 3 and or 4 as of 6/12/2023.
 - This communication was well received by the affected participants.

Respectfully submitted,

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