



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

➤ New Items

• New Operational Updates

- June 24th is the Outdoor Adventure Day event.
 - An alternative location is Citizens Park or Liberty Park.
- YMCA Day Camp (Passport to Fishing) Is scheduled for June 13th and 14th in Foundation Park.
- 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 events 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 a 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 scheduled for installation in the early summer season following the necessary prep work.
- Dug out gravel project has been planned for the facility. It is on the list for the week of June 8th.
- Adding a Dog pot station to the park in June for trail users.

- **Karr Park**

- Planning bathroom updates
 - Replacing sink fixture.
- The Community Garden beds have been cleaned out.
 - Some of the Community Garden plots are being used by residents and Conine village residents. We have reached out to them to explain the proper procedure for use of the Community Garden plots in the future.

- **Citizens Park**

- Citizens Park Fence Project is planned for this year.
- Fish stocking is occurring in June at this facility.

- **Volunteer Park**

- Parts of the fence around LEADS have been repaired and more will occur in June.
- Dragging ball diamonds weekly. Also planning infield mix installation once it is available from the vendor.
- 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.
 - A playground border has been installed along with 50 yards of mulch. More mulch will be added later this year depending on available funds.
- **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 occurring in June at this facility.
- **Park Manager Updates**
 - Parks Seasonal Maintenance crew is at full staff until the first of August. May seek to hire another employee this summer to ensure we stay fully staffed until the end of the season.
 - The pool season has started, and I want to mention that we are doing great after the first week. Swim lessons begin June 5th.
 - As of 6/1/2023
 - First session swim lessons are booked.
 - We are offering private lessons on Fridays.
 - We have sold 78 memberships thus far.
 - We currently have 20 lifeguards on staff.

Respectfully submitted,

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