



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

➤ **New Items**

• **New Operational Updates**

▪ **Soccer Program**

- Youth Soccer registration for the Fall season closes on July 15th.
- The Summer soccer season has a total of 83 registrants.
- We are seeking at least 30 coaches for the teams we have had thus far.
 - We have a coaches meeting scheduled for July 30th at Foundation Park.

➤ **Ongoing Items**

• **Foundation Park**

- Basketball backboards have been delivered and are scheduled for installation July 28th. There is a lot of preparation work that must happen prior to closing the area for installation. 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.

• **Municipal Park**

- The new lights have been installed.
- We will be adding electric to Municipal Park shelter pole to ensure we can capture images of the shelter and playground users. We are waiting for the contractor to meet on site to confirm work and cost. This will be completed in the summer of 2023.
- Basketball backboards have been delivered and are scheduled for installation July 28th, 2023.

- Dog pot station is in process. We are planning for an installation in July.
- **Karr Park**
 - Planning bathroom updates
 - We will have a contractor out to replace the sink fixtures at Karr Park. We will be receiving quotes this month for this project.
- **Citizens Park**
 - Citizens Park Fence Project is planned for this year.
 - Fish stocking occurs in September once the weather begins to cool down.
 - 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 be installed this summer, preferably when the ground is wet for a cleaner installation.
 - We drag the ball diamonds weekly.
 - Putting up soccer goals in July as we prep for a busy Fall soccer season.
- **Freedom Park**
 - Freedom Park Improvements project
 - The walking path is the base bid. The parking lot, basketball court and volleyball court projects are alternate bids.
 - This project bid opening was held on July 11th @ 11am. Unfortunately, we had no bidders for the project. It is possible that the specialized alternate bids for the basketball and volleyball courts caused contractors to avoid bidding on this project. We are also considering the fact that contractor's schedules are booked up for the summer. Verdantas will be reaching out to the contractor plan holders to find out why they chose not to bid on the project. That information will help us decide whether or not we try to put this back out to bid in the fall as the contractor's workloads lighten up.
 - Once a bid is selected, an invoice will be sent to LPD to receive \$25,000. Once the \$25,000 is received by the Finance Director we will come back to the council for a supplemental to account for those funds.

- **Liberty Park**
 - Playground/woods
 - We will be adding split rail fence to connect the trail to the adjacent neighborhood in the future.

- **Park Manager Updates**
 - Summer Soccer Registrations: 75
 - Fall Soccer Registrations: 204 as of 6/28/2023

Respectfully submitted,

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