



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

➤ **New Items**

- **Foundation Park**
 - The new augur attachment is in, and we will be installing fence by the end of October at this site.
- **Budget**
 - I have been working with the administration and finance on the 2024 Budget.
 - The focus is on transparency by moving all appropriate money out of the 101 fund and into the 206 fund. We are also focused on tightening the budget up as much as possible to provide a fiscally conservative operation of the Parks Department.
- **Power Show**
 - The power show took place on the weekend of September 23rd. The show was a big success and ran as smoothly as possible.

➤ **Ongoing Items**

- **Foundation Park**
 - 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 at the end of summer with sturdier material.
 - The new augur attachment is in, and we will be installing fence by the end of October at this site.
 - We have discovered one tree down in the South Fork River along the back side of Foundation Park. The tree isn't currently causing any flow concerns. We have notified the Public Service Department so that they can add it to their removal schedule.

- **Municipal Park**

- We had the new security cameras at Municipal installed. Unfortunately, the camera that was installed was shot with a BB gun before the electric to the camera was connected. Because of that, we do not have footage of the incident. The damage to the camera is not covered by the warranty. A new camera will be purchased and installed on September 19th.

- **Karr Park**

- We will be cutting back the overgrowth along the tree lines at Karr Park during the fall season.

- **Citizens Park**

- Aeration equipment for this park has been installed. The necessary electrical work for that equipment is scheduled for a September installation.
- This park has been brushed hogged. We intend to survey the property and begin marking out the perimeter for a split rail fence installation this fall. The project will move forward until our existing fence inventory is exhausted. The project will be finished in 2024.

- **Volunteer Park**

- Nothing to report.

- **Freedom Park**

- Freedom Park Improvements project
 - The walking path and the parking lot at Freedom Park will be the base bid. The basketball court and volleyball court projects will be alternate bids.
 - This project bid opening will be advertised the week of September 26th. The bid opening is scheduled for October 23rd.
 - Once a bid is selected, an invoice will be sent to LPD to receive the \$25,000 for their share of this project. Following that, we will come back to the council for a supplemental to account for those funds.

- **Liberty Park**

- Playground/woods

- The tree line along the back of the park has been cut back. We also cleared out inside the play area and the path leading to the Morrison Farm neighborhood.
- Parks staff is planning to do the following projects at Liberty Park:
 - Cut trees down past the bridge to establish a safe trail around the pond.
 - Add fencing within the woods which connect Morrison Farm neighborhood and Liberty Park along the newly cleared path. There is a lot of traffic from that neighborhood to the park. We will use a maximum of 6 split rail fence pieces to create an aesthetically pleasing entranceway into the park.
- We had a catalpa tree partially fall near the entrance of the trail. That downed tree was removed by a tree removal service.

- **Park Manager Updates**

- The pool is officially closed for the season.
- The Parks Department will be repainting the pool this month. We are seeking a new contractor to winterize the pool as our previous contractor has sold his company.
- The water service to the pool is scheduled to be turned off in early October.
- The remainder of the pool facility will be winterized by Cruikshank in October.
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Respectfully submitted,

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