



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

➤ New Items

- **First Aid and CPR/AED Course**
 - On September 29, we partnered with Tech r2 to offer a First Aid and CPR/AED course. This collaborative effort yielded positive results and is a testament to the ongoing commitment of our department to the safety and well-being of our community. This initiative exemplifies the Parks Department's dedication to fostering a safer and more prepared community. It is also a testament to our ongoing commitment to building valuable partnerships with local organizations.
- **Citizens Park**
 - The aeration equipment and electricity service at Citizens Park have been successfully installed.
- **Maintenance Garage**
 - The gas heater for the Maintenance garage at Foundation Park has been installed. The gas company will be adding a meter and starting services within a week's time.
- **Additional Soccer Tournament**
 - October 7th and 8th the parks allowed a small soccer tournament (7v7) to take place. The tournament was a success. The fields and the shelter house at Freedom Park were rented by community residents for this tournament.
- Tractor Pull
 - October 8th was the final Tractor Pull being held in 2023 at Foundation Park. The Tractor Pull season went well with no reported issues.
- **Soccer Program**
 - Interested members of the Pataskala Youth Soccer League will be attending an event hosted by the Columbus Crew on October 21st to celebrate their season. With over 100 tickets secured for the event, it promises to be an exciting and memorable day for everyone involved.

➤ **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.
 - The control box for the system has failed and is being replaced via warranty. We are waiting for that control box to arrive to complete the installation of the new camera.

• **Karr Park**

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

• **Citizens Park**

- The aeration equipment and electricity service at Citizens Park have been successfully installed.
- 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.

- **Park Manager Updates**

- The pool is officially closed for the season.
 - The Parks Department will be repainting the pool this month.
 - The pool will be winterized the weekend of October 14th.
 - The water service to the pool is scheduled to be turned off on October 16th.

- The remainder of the pool facility will be winterized by Cruikshank on October 19th.
- All equipment for the pool has been properly stored for the off season.
- The final mowing/ trimming of the pool for the year has been completed.
- Budget
 - I have been working with the administration and finance on the 2024 Budget.
 - The focus is on transparency by moving all appropriate moneys 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.

Respectfully submitted,

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