



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

➤ **New Items**

• **Seasonal Parks and Recreation Recruiting**

- We have begun advertising for all parks and recreation seasonal positions.
- The parks manager will be attending both Licking Heights High School and Watkins Memorial high school in the month of December to recruit for employment.

• **Foundation Park**

- We have started the winter turf management process for the soccer fields. We will continue to blanket and top-dress all soccer fields as needed.
- Ball diamond maintenance.
 - We will add infield dirt to ball diamond 3 to help with the drainage of the area.
 - We anticipate adding drainage pipe on diamond 2 and 3 along the first and third base lines during the winter season.

➤ **Ongoing Items**

• **Foundation Park**

- The Parks Department will continue to maintain the walking trails during the winter season.
- We have started the winter turf management process for the soccer fields. We will continue to blanket and top-dress all soccer fields as needed. Ball diamond maintenance.
 - We will add infield dirt to ball diamond 3 to help with the drainage of the area.
 - We anticipate adding drainage pipe on diamond 2 and 3 along the first and third base lines during the winter season.

- Cold Storage Structure at Foundation Park
 - With the existing \$40,000 budget, the parks department will be constructing a 25 ft x 60 ft enclosed carport for additional cold storage. The carport will have a large garage door along with a man door for access.

- **Municipal Park**
 - A message board will be installed near the trail at Municipal Park to be used for community park announcements.
 - We will commence maintenance on the ball diamond in the upcoming weeks.

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

- **Citizens Park**
 - The parks department has surveyed this property and started laying out the areas where a split-rail fence will be installed.
 - The Faith Ann entrance that connects the woods to the Northwest Corner will be included with this small project.

- **Volunteer Park**
 - We will begin routine maintenance on the ball diamond in the upcoming weeks.

- **Freedom Park**
 - The Freedom Park Improvements Project is a joint venture with the Licking County Parks District. The Parks Department will use the available funds in this year's budget cycle to cover the cost of the project up front. Once the project is complete, we will receive \$25,000 from the Licking County Parks District.
 - The final step prior to starting the waking path at Freedom Park is to complete the notice to contractor documentation. We will update the council with an estimated start date for the project once it is available.

- **Liberty Park**
 - Playground/woods
 - 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.
 - This is expected to occur in the off-season (December-February).

- **Park Manager Updates**
 - Youth Soccer is now complete for the recreation department.
 - Winter training will be occurring at several location: Licking Heights Central, Licking Heights South, Tri-Village Church, and Liberty Christian Academy. Training in the winter is a fee for service program.
 - We have begun our annual winterization/winter maintenance on our equipment.
 - The skid-steer is currently at Bobcat for repairs.
 - During the off-season the Park Maintenance Coordinator will be working to obtain his license to apply herbicides.
 - This is a great example of Jase Fravel's initiative and will be very beneficial to the overall operations of the Parks Department.

Respectfully submitted,

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