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My current term serving on the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board is ending at the end of this year. It is for this reason that I am writing to you, as I would like to reapply for the position. I have learned a tremendous amount about our parks system throughout the last 5 years and feel I will continue to be a valuable asset to this advisory board.

I have been a resident of Pataskala for 20+ years, growing up as a child and now choosing to raise my own family in this amazing city. As a child, I started my soccer career within the Pataskala Recreation Association: continuing to play through high school and eventually coaching the first Junior Varsity team at Licking Heights. PRA and Pataskala parks had a major impact on my childhood and I see them as an integral part to our community. As a father to three young children, the parks system is very important to me and I want to help ensure the success of our parks as we grow and transition into a larger city and a larger parks department. My brief experience on this board over the past 5 years has not only given me a brief understanding into small government, but also the funding and management of the parks. This experience has given me a better understanding of the difficulties, challenges, and struggles the parks department experiences and I feel I am prepared to help the board and parks manager address these areas.

I will continue to be a reliable, hard worker who is dedicated to continue my part in improving and growing our parks for our community. I have learned a great deal and understanding of our parks department and this board. My education in agricultural business and applied economics, along with my experience working for my family business has taught me the importance of allocating limited resources to have the greatest impact. Pataskala has been my home for most of my life and is extremely important to me. I want to take advantage of any opportunity I have to give back to this city.

Thank you,  
Derek Lee