



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

➤ New Items

- **Freedom Park Improvement Project**
 - The final step prior to starting the waking path at Freedom Park is to complete the notice to contractor documentation. We will update council with an estimated start date for the project once it is available.
- **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 Pool**
 - All camera systems have been completely installed as of November 7th. The Energy Cooperative Grant report for the security camera project has been submitted as required.
 - 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.
- **Foundation Park**
 - A new Trail has been created in association with Conaway's Trail.
 - A new split rail fence has been installed near the creek bank along Conaway's Trail to increase safety for trail users.
 - Other minor fence repairs have been taken care of in the park.
 - Soccer field winter turf management has begun. We will continue to blanket and top-dress all soccer fields as needed.
 - Ball diamond maintenance will occur soon.

- **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.
- **Liberty Park**
 - A split- rail fence has been installed to connect the Morrison Farms neighborhood to Liberty Park.
- **Volunteer Park**
 - We will commence maintenance on the ball diamond in the upcoming weeks.
- **Energy Cooperative**
 - The energy cooperative, which provides electric services for our area, has completed their project of installing LED lights in Foundation Park on all preexisting poles without lights.
- **Affordable Portables**
 - Most of the Port-a-Johns within the parks have been removed. We will keep 2 in Foundation Park, 1 at Municipal Park and 1 at Freedom Park throughout the winter season.

➤ **Ongoing Items**

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

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- **Freedom Park**
 - This 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.
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- **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).

- A split- rail fence has been installed to connect the Morrison Farms neighborhood to Liberty Park.

- **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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