



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

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➤ **New Items**

• **Seasonal Parks and Recreation Recruiting**

- We are currently advertising for all parks and recreation seasonal positions.

• **Foundation Park**

- Ball diamond maintenance.
  - We will be adding infield dirt to all ball diamonds in the month of January 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 once the ground is frozen to minimize damage to the area during pipe installation.

• **Freedom Park**

- Walking Path
  - A preconstruction meeting was held in mid-December for the walking path project. The project is tentatively scheduled to begin the week of January 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Basketball Court
  - We are seeking quotes to lay down asphalt for the basketball courts we plan to install this coming year. This project will not exceed the bidding threshold, but the Parks Department is gathering quotes to ensure we receive the best values possible.

➤ **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.
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  - We anticipate adding drainage pipe on diamond 2 and 3 along the first and third base lines during the winter season once the ground is frozen to minimize damage to the area during pipe installation.
- Cold Storage Structure at Foundation Park
  - The parks department will be constructing a 25 ft x 60 ft enclosed structure for additional cold storage. The structure will have a large garage door along with a man door for personnel access. The county permit was approved on 01/02/2024. Once the permit is in hand, we will contact the contractor to begin constructing the structure.

• **Municipal Park**

- A message board will be installed near the trail at Municipal Park to be used for community park announcements.
- In February or March, we will add infield mix to this ball diamond as a part of our routine maintenance efforts.

• **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 of the park will be included with this small project.

- This project is scheduled to begin on January 10<sup>th</sup>. We will work on the project each week until completion. The goal is to have the fence finished by April or May.

- **Volunteer Park**

- We will begin routine maintenance on the ball diamonds in the upcoming weeks.

- **Freedom Park**

- The Freedom Park Improvements Project (walking path 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).

- **Park Manager Updates**

- Youth Soccer
  - As of January 2<sup>nd</sup>, we have a total of 135 registrations.
- 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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