



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

➤ **New Items**

• **Freedom Park**

- Fence Installation
 - The Parks Department will begin replacing the fence around the parking lot at Freedom Park this week.
- Basketball Court
 - The striping and the pad are complete. We have received two separate quotes from different contractors to purchase and install the hoop systems. DWA had a quote come in at \$20,580. Midstate Recreation's quote came in at \$17,709.02.
 - Resolution 2024-045 is on the agenda to execute a contract with Midstates Recreation for the purchase and installation of the Freedom Park Basketball Hoops.

• **Karr Park**

- The bed nearest the first shelter has been revived by installing a border and some decorative rock.
- Compost area
 - The compost area that was intended to be used for the community garden plots will be removed.
 - This composting area was rarely used, if ever. We will plant low maintenance, native plants in the area once it is removed.

• **Municipal Park**

- Infield mix has been added to the ball diamond at this park.
- Additional tables are being added to the shelter house in anticipation of increased shelter rentals through the warm weather months.

- **Volunteer Park**

- Damage repaired.
 - Over Mother's Day weekend, the Parks Department found damage done to the park grounds because of a vehicle doing donuts. These donuts resulted in ruts not only in the parking lot, but also behind the east ball diamond and on the soccer field area. The repairs were able to be completed by Parks Department staff.

- **Recreational Program**

- Municipal Pool
 - Preparations for the upcoming pool season are currently underway.
 - The pool was painted the week of April 29th to allow for proper cure time before water is added the week of May 13th.
 - It will take approximately three days to complete the fill process.

➤ **Ongoing Items**

- **Foundation Park**

- The Parks Department will continue to maintain the walking trails during the spring season.
- Ball Diamond Maintenance
 - We anticipate adding drainage pipe on diamond 2 and 3 along the first and third base lines later this year, following the baseball/softball season.

- **Municipal Park**

- A message board will be installed near the trail at Municipal Park to be used for community park announcements.
- Walking Path Fence
 - Parks and recreation staff will be doing a second coat on the fence prior to the installation of the Story Trail on May 24th.

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- **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.
 - We will be using most of our split rail fence stockpile at Freedom Park. Once that project is complete, we will move on to this project at Citizens Park.

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- **Liberty Park**

- Playground/woods
 - Parks staff is planning to cut trees down past the bridge to establish a safe trail around the pond.

- **Park Manager Updates**

- Municipal Pool
 - Preparations for the upcoming pool season are currently underway.
 - The pool was painted the week of April 29th to allow for proper cure time before water is added the week of May 13th.
 - It will take approximately three days to complete the fill process.
 - We have implemented a policy to not open the pool if it is not expected to be above 70 degrees by 2 pm. This decision will be made by looking at the forecast at 2 pm the day prior.
 - Residents will be notified by the pool membership communication program, the City Facebook page, and the Discover Pataskala App should a closure occur.
 - Implementing this procedure allows for appropriate staffing and adequate notice for the staff.
- Employee certifications
 - The parks manager will be obtaining a renewal of license to operate the pool facility this season.
 - The parks manager will be renewing his Certified Parks and Recreation Professional Certification prior to September. This is a two-year certificate period. This is due in September 2024.

Respectfully submitted,

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