



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

➤ New Items

- Freedom Park

- Basketball Court

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 - Once the facility is complete, the parks department is considering partnering with our local YMCA to have a "Back to School" tournament.
 - The administration is very excited about the addition of the walking path and the basketball court to Freedom Park. These additions have greatly improved this highly used facility.

- Liberty Park

- Pond

- The aeration improvements to the pond have improved the water quality tremendously. There are several species of fish in the pond which makes it our best facility for our catch and release fishing program.

- Municipal Park

- The message board will be installed near the trail at Municipal Park to be used for community park announcements. This installation will take place the week of June 17th.
 - Volleyball Court
 - The volleyball net system will be replaced in the near future. The sand has been sprayed with herbicide and will be dragged to remove all vegetation.

- **Foundation Park**

- With the 4th of July approaching the parks department and staff are focused on the beautification of Foundation Park.
- Concession Stand operations
 - The parks departments will be staffing the concession stand on June 29th for the Pataskala Fireworks event.
 - Open 5pm-9:30pm.
 - 4 properly trained concession stand staff members will be present.
 - Menu
 - Hot Dogs
 - Nachos
 - Chips
 - Select Candy
 - Sno Cones
 - Popcorn
 - Drinks
- Outdoor Adventure Day Event
 - This event will be held on June 22nd at Foundation Park.
 - Several activities will be a part of this event
 - Licking Parks District will be hosting an Archery Education activity.
 - Licking County Soil and Water will be hosting a Stream Team activity.
 - Pataskala Parks Department will be hosting the Passport to Fishing Program.
 - Registration for this event is free.

- **Recreational Program**

- Municipal Pool
 - Columbus Pool Detection was hired and came to the facility on May 22nd.
 - As shown in their report, several repairs were needed to prevent water loss. The pool facility was closed to the public and the swim team on June 13th for the final repairs to be made.
 - Memberships Sold
 - 100 as of June 12th
 - Swim Lesson Sold:
 - As of June 12th, we have sold 153 swim lessons.

➤ **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.
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• **Municipal Park**

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- Hemlock Control
 - The parks department has been performing checks for Hemlock. We have found, cut, and sprayed this plant in several areas within the park. We will continue to monitor the hemlock

along the pathway to minimize exposure and risk to visitors to the park.

- **Karr Park**

- Compost area

- This composting area was rarely used, if ever. We will plant low maintenance, native plants in the area once the compost area is removed.
 - This area has been filled in in preparation for planting.

- **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. Since that project is complete, we will move on to this project at Citizens Park.

- **Volunteer Park**

- Routine mowing and maintenance are ongoing at this park.

- **Freedom Park**

- Fence Installation

- The fence replacement at this park has been completed. Thanks for the Public Service Department for lending a hand and the use of the skid steer augur attachment.

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- **Liberty Park**

- Playground/woods
 - Parks staff are planning to cut trees down past the bridge to establish a safe trail around the pond.
- Pond
 - The aeration improvements to the pond have improved the water quality tremendously. There are several species of fish in the pond which makes it our best facility for our catch and release fishing program.

- **Park Manager Updates**

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 - 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.
 - We have closed the pool three times so far utilizing this policy
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- 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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