



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

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➤ **New Items**

• **Freedom Park**

- Donated plants and shrubs plan
  - Parks staff members have completed the Freedom Park planting project.
    - We water the plants daily aside from the weekends.

• **Karr Park**

- Peace Pole Landscaping
  - This work will be completed by September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024.
- A leaking drain line was identified at the shelter house.
  - This repair was made on 9/6/2024.

• **Volunteer Park**

- Fence Repairs
  - The Parks Department has scheduled this work to be completed no later than September 12<sup>th</sup>.
- Parking lot management
  - We are dragging the lot due to excessive tire tracks from cars doing donuts in the parking lot.

• **Liberty Park**

- Eagle Scout Candidate Gage Slaymaker will be installing a little library at this facility on 9/14/2024.
  - The necessary OUPS ticket has been submitted and completed.
- Liberty Park Path
  - Wood chips from the Freedom Park Landscaping Project were able to be used within the Liberty Park wooded area along the path.

- **Citizens Park**

- Eagle Scout Candidate Gage Slaymaker will be installing a little library at this facility on 9/14/2024.
  - The necessary OUPS ticket has been submitted and completed.
  - The original location proposed for the little library was denied by the parks manager. We proposed a new location that is out of the way to prevent the project from interfering with maintenance work in the area.
- Staff members are preparing to start the fence project for this park.
  - The plan is to start early October and plan to complete the project in October.

- **Foundation Park**

- The Foundation Park Parking Lot Project
  - The administration will be applying for an ODNR Land and Water Conservation Grant. This grant will be used along with the \$100,000 in the 2024 budget to increase parking areas in the park.
  - The application deadline is November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024. We will be presenting a resolution to apply at the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting in October for council's consideration.

- **Municipal Park**

- Columbus Pool Detection will return on September 11<sup>th</sup> to complete the necessary repairs to both the main pool and the baby pool.
- Following the repairs, both pools will be repainted prior to winterization.
- Pool winterization will be scheduled for late October.

- **Recreation Program**

- Soccer
  - Opening week ran really well. We are just shy of 600 registrations for the 2024 Fall season.
- Fee Schedule Changes Ordinance
  - The administration is currently evaluating the recreational program fee structure for possible changes. Once any changes have been identified, an ordinance will come to council for consideration.

➤ **Ongoing Items**

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- 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**

- Volleyball Court
  - The volleyball court system has been purchased. Once received we will plan to install this structure within the next month.
- 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.
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- 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.
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- **Park Manager Updates**

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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 anticipates obtaining the AFO certification or the CPO certification This fall/winter
  - The parks manager will be renewing his Certified Parks and Recreation Professional Certification. This is a two-year certificate period.

Respectfully submitted,

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