



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

➤ **New Items**

▪ **Freedom Park**

▪ Park Benches

- Rotary has donated two park benches to be installed at Freedom Park.
 - One will replace the damaged bench near the flags, and the other will be installed near the new basketball court.

▪ **Liberty Park**

▪ Vandalism

- This park was vandalized as of 10/28/2024.
 - A staff inspection found spray painted trees, spray painted playground equipment, and a burned table.
 - We purchased and installed trail cameras for this area on 10/30/2024 to try and catch the vandals should they return.

▪ Fence Post

- A fence post was discovered to have been hit at this park. Replacement is scheduled for 11/4/24.

▪ **Volunteer Park**

▪ Routine Maintenance

▪ **Karr Park**

▪ Routine Maintenance

- **Foundation Park**

- Foundation Park Tree Project

- All the replacement trees at Foundation Park have been planted.
 - The department is currently watering three days per week. We will be purchasing tree water bags to help reduce labor hours related to this project.

- **Municipal Park**

- Pool Winterization Schedule

- Winterization of the pools is now complete
- The pool building will be winterized the week of November 4th.

- The department will be installing split-rail fencing along the north edge of the newly installed pavement as a part of the parking lot project.

- **Parks Manager Updates**

- Fall Youth Soccer

- Fall soccer is complete. We are heading into the offseason. Registration for the Spring season opens November 4th and will end February 9th 2025.

➤ **Ongoing Items**

- **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 15th, 2024.

- 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 department has decided to wait until early spring to install the volleyball system due to the winter weather approaching.

- **Karr Park**

- Backflow Prevention Device

- The backflow prevention device at this facility failed over the summer. We will be replacing this valve the first full week of November once the park facilities are winterized for the season.

- **Citizens Park**

- Staff members are preparing to start the fence project for this park.

- The plan is to start this project in early November immediately after soccer field maintenance has been completed. We will work on this project periodically until the end of the year. The goal is to have all fence installed prior to January 1.

- **Volunteer Park**

- Parking lot management

- We are dragging the lot due to excessive tire tracks from cars doing donuts in the parking lot.

- **Liberty Park**

- Ongoing Maintenance

- **Freedom Park**

- Park Bench

- Working with the Rotary Club on the possibility of the donation of a replacement bench at Freedom Park near the flag area and the addition of a second bench near the basketball court.

- **Park Manager Updates**

- 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 has submitted for the renewal of his Certified Parks and Recreation Professional Certification. This is a two-year certificate period. Waiting for confirmation from the National Parks and Recreation Association.

Respectfully submitted,

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