



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

➤ **New Items**

▪ **Legislation**

▪ Resolution 2024-070

- This is a resolution to apply for a grant through the Land and Water Conservation Fund.
- The ask is for \$100,000 to double the available funds to add additional gravel parking facilities at Foundation Park.

▪ **Freedom Park**

- Routine Maintenance

▪ **Liberty Park**

- Routine Maintenance

▪ **Volunteer Park**

- Routine Maintenance

▪ **Karr Park**

- Routine Maintenance

▪ **Citizens Park**

▪ Fence Preparation

- We are preparing to start the fence work at Citizens Park. We will call in an OUPS ticket the last week of October in preparation for the November installation of the fence on the property.

- **Foundation Park**

- Foundation Park Tree Project

- We have planted 6 Maple Trees along the road through Foundation Park as you enter from the McIntosh Rd. entrance.
 - All other trees will be planted no later than October 23rd.

- **Municipal Park**

- Parking Lot

- The parking lot at Municipal Park is now complete. The parking blocks have been replaced. Staff have begun painting the blocks a safety yellow color.

- Pool Winterization Schedule

- Winterizing the pool building took place on October 14th.
 - Winterizing the pools themselves will take place on October 20th.

➤ **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. We will be presenting a resolution to apply at the 2nd meeting in October for council's consideration.

- 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.

- 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**
 - 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 project at the end of October. 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.
- **Park Manager Updates**
 - Fall Youth Soccer
 - October 26th will be a community soccer day at Foundation Park to celebrate the completion of the fall soccer season.

- We will hold our second annual Pataskala Celtics Cup tournament on that day. All six of the middle school teams will compete in this tournament. We will be inviting Liberty Christian Academy to play in the tournament as well.
 - We will also be inviting all our current soccer registrants to come and watch the championship matches in the U8, U10 and MSSA divisions that will be held on that day.
 - Finally, we will host a Skills Challenge that day where all players are able to display their skills that they have developed as a part of our soccer program.
- 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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