



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

➤ **New Items**

▪ **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.

▪ **Liberty Park**

▪ Eagle Scout Project

- Eagle Scout Candidate Gage Slaymaker completed the installation of a little library for his Eagle Scout project.

▪ **Citizens Park**

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▪ **Foundation Park**

▪ Athletic Field Restoration

- The parks department has completed 1 round of aerating and fertilizing for 16 athletic fields at Foundation Park. our next step is to begin the winter season maintenance of dressing the fields with topsoil and applying grass seed.
 - This project will begin October 28th and will be complete by December 1st.

▪ **Municipal Park**

▪ Pool winterization schedule is as follows.

- Winterizing the pool will take place the week of October 14th.

- Winterizing the pool building will take place the week of October 21st.

- **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.

- **Volunteer Park**

- Fence Repairs

- All fence pieces that were damaged have been repaired or replaced.

- **Recreation Program**

- 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.

➤ **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 1st 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 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.
- **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**
 - **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

- **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 will be renewing his Certified Parks and Recreation Professional Certification. This is a two-year certificate period.

Respectfully submitted,

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