



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

➤ **New Items**

▪ **Freedom Park**

- Staff have scheduled collecting the goals on site and getting them off the field grass to be stored on site for the winter.

▪ **Liberty Park**

- Vandalism
 - After checking trail cameras on site, we noticed some activity within the woods late at night. We can see that they are bringing a flashlight with them but are unable to identify the people.
 - We have notified the Police Department of the issue. We will continue to monitor the cameras moving forward.

▪ **Volunteer Park**

- Routine Maintenance

▪ **Karr Park**

- Routine Maintenance.

▪ **Citizens Park**

- Fence Installation Project
 - Staff will be installing over 900ft of fence on the property starting the second week of December.
 - The Parks Manager has initiated the OUPS in preparation for this project.

- Vandalism
 - As of November 25th, the playground at this park has been closed due to a large amount of graffiti found. The playground equipment had to be disassembled to remove the graffiti. The playground will be back open to the public by December 10th.
 - A trail cam has been installed at this park in an attempt to identify the vandal. The Police Department was notified about this vandalism incident as well.

- **Foundation Park**
 - Foundation Park Athletic Fields
 - All athletic fields for soccer are being aerated, thatched, top dressed, fertilized and overseeded. We will be placing grow blankets on fields that require the most attention.
 - Since the first week of November the maintenance staff has accumulated over 24 hours of field turf maintenance and improvements. We are only 50% done with this project.

- **Municipal Park**
 - Fence Installation is now completed.
 - Parking Blocks are being ordered for this location to be installed along the parking lot edge near the pool building. The parking lot enhancements this year have greatly improved both the aesthetics and functionality of the facility.

- **Parks Manager Updates**
 - Fall Youth Soccer
 - As of November 27th, we have 102 registrations for the spring season. A year ago, at this time we had 88 registrations. The youth soccer program is expecting to have around 600 additional registrations for the spring season.
 - Registration for the Spring season opened on 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 has been sent via postal service and received.

▪ **Municipal Park**

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

▪ **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

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▪ **Park Manager Updates**

- Employee certifications
 - 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.
 - The parks maintenance coordinator will use the off-season to study and to take the state test to be a licensed herbicide applicator.

Respectfully submitted,

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