



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

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➤ **New Items**

▪ **Freedom Park**

▪ Park Benches

- Rotary has donated one park bench which has been installed at Freedom Park.

▪ **Liberty Park**

▪ Vandalism

- Since the vandalism there has been no activity within the park on the cameras after several checks.

▪ Fence Post

- One fence post has been replaced at this park

▪ **Volunteer Park**

▪ Routine Maintenance

▪ **Karr Park**

- The park has been winterized.
- A new backflow device was installed the week of 11/11/24.

▪ **Foundation Park**

▪ Foundation Park Tree Project

- Late fall and winter athletic field maintenance is in full swing. 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.
- Both concession stands have been winterized for the season.
- The holding tank has been emptied for the season

- **Municipal Park**

- Fence Installation at this site will be a half days' worth of work. We will be starting this project on Thursday November 14<sup>th</sup>.
  - 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
  - Registration for the Spring season opens November 4<sup>th</sup> and will end February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025.
  - Offering winter training opportunities for the MSSA soccer division. Training will be held at the YMCA and Licking Heights Broad Peak.

➤ **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 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024. The grant application is complete and has been sent to ODNR.
- 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. One near the flag area and the addition of a second bench near the basketball court.

- **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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