



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

➤ **New Items**

▪ **Citizens Park**

- Fence Installation Project
 - Staff began the installation of the split rail fence along the southern property line. We have completed 150 ft of fence thus far.
- Vandalism
 - As of December 12th, the playground is now accessible to the public after the removal of all graffiti.

▪ **Foundation Park**

- Foundation Park Athletic Fields
 - All athletic fields remain a high priority during this time. Top dressing and dormant seeding will continue through the winter to ensure the fields are in peak condition for the spring soccer season.

▪ **Municipal Park**

- On December 30th, due to the high winds, a tree fell through the fence along the path and landed on the Rotary Bench on site. The Rotary Bench is a complete loss. Staff removed the tree damage and fixed the fence immediately.
- 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**

- **Aquatics**

- The administration has a kickoff meeting with Columbus Pool Management on January 27th in preparation for the upcoming season.
 - The de-winterization of the pool and water shut on has already been scheduled

- **Winter Season Focus**

- Turf Management at Municipal Park.
 - Installing split rail fence at Citizen Park.
 - Organize the pool building and back garage in preparation for Columbus Pool Management to operate the pool this year.
 - Shelter maintenance at all previously inspected facilities.
 - Ball diamond facility maintenance in preparation to open the facilities to renters in March.
 - Organize soccer storage area in preparation for the spring season.
 - Trail Maintenance at Foundation Park. Areas on the aggregate path need some attention due to washout. Within the woods along the trail, we will be focused on removing tree roots within the walking path.

- **Fall Youth Soccer**

- As of December 31st, we have 188 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 applied 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.
 - Still waiting for the award announcements

- **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
 - We are dragging the lot due to excessive tire tracks from cars doing donuts in the parking lot.
 - Ball Diamonds
 - All ball diamonds will receive attention in late January. Additional infield mix material is required on the east ball diamond.
- **Liberty Park**
 - Ongoing Maintenance
- **Freedom Park**
 - Ongoing Maintenance
- **Karr Park**
 - Ongoing Maintenance
- **Park Manager Updates**
 - Employee certifications
 - The parks manager has received confirmation from the National Parks and Recreation Association. The parks manager continues to be a license Certified Parks and Recreation Professional
 - 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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