

Pendleton-Fall Creek Board of Parks and Recreation

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• Park Update

- Park One Way
 - The town will be conducting a traffic study later this year to determine if the one way through the park is feasible. In the meantime, we are looking at all potential configurations for the potential change. Attached you will find a layout that utilizes twoway traffic from Pendleton Ave. to the curve/duck barn. (graphic)
- Mobile Stage
 We base
 - We have found out that the stage Dodd Technologies has located is in St. Louis. Once Dodd wraps up their work on the NBA All-Star game, they will be returning some items to the St. Louis area. While they are there, they will be picking up the stage and bringing it back to Pendleton. We still do not have a delivery date, but it should be sooner rather than later. In anticipation of this we have completed the block and concrete work for the stage storage area. IMI donated 20 tons of aggregate and 10 yards of concrete to help us with the floor in the building. Randy Toombs donated his time and talented crew who did a fantastic job working through the cold to get the walls up. We will be placing an order for the roof trusses and metal roof in the middle of March. We are holding off to hopefully find more consistent weather conditions since the entire roof will be open for approximately 4-5 days while we take off the old and install the new.
 - Once we take delivery we will be doing training with Dodd technologies staff on the operation of the stage as well as going through Stageline (the stage manufacturer) training & certification process.
- o Office Woods
 - We are continuing to clear the brush in the wooded area West of out office. This is a very slow process due to the amount of rock and other debris in the final section. Once we have the area cleared, we will be able to keep the entire area mowed to a uniform length year-round and greatly improve the aesthetics. During the clearing we will have a few miscellaneous piles of topsoil and compost spread throughout. Once we finish, all these

piles will be moved to storage areas behind the cold storage building and out of the public eye.

- Pond Wall
 - After further conversations about assessing the retaining wall of the pond we have pushed this back a couple months. With the cold weather and freezing we have decided to move this task to spring (April-May). This will not affect any timelines as we move forward since the earliest the paving project will be completed is 2025.
- N. 40
 - Prairie Creek
 - We are coordinating a time with the water department to use their mini excavator to clear downed trees and other debris from Prairie Creek. We had planned to use the light department's crane truck to help with setting new supports for the bridge that crosses the creek behind the cemetery. At this time, it does not appear we will be able to go that route. We are working on an alternative way to set the new supports and once this is confirmed work will begin.
- Sports Complex
 - Scoreboards
 - We are working with PJB to secure sponsorships for 3 new scoreboards at the complex. The sponsorships will be for the life of the scoreboard and each scoreboard will feature 2 sponsors.
 - PJB completed their in-person sign-ups over the past couple weeks and had a tremendous turnout. To date they are ahead of where they were a year ago. Cal Wilson will be back in March to present a tournament proposal.
 - We are still working on layout and timeline with Banning regarding the sports complex parking.
- Golf Course
 - We have started to get some memberships come in for the 2024 season.
 We anticipate a big push in the next two weeks as the weather turns warmer, and the golf course is open for play.
 - Even though we have had some nice days these past couple weeks we have elected to keep the course closed. The main reason for this is while the temperatures are up the grass is not out of dormancy yet and therefore not actively growing. Any potential damage (divot or ball mark) is not going to heal and would remain that way for an extended period.
 - We have all the equipment serviced and put back together.
 Mowers are ready to roll out the door as soon as mother nature

decides it's time. We are starting to take delivery of clubs, apparel and other accessories to stock the pro shop.

- The new simulator is getting some usage at the golf course. We are hearing a lot of positive feedback! I hope you all had a chance to see the write-up that Scott Slade did for us in the Pendleton Times this week. We are putting plans together to run a tournament on the simulator as a lead up to the Masters in early April. The tournament will be held on the par three course at Augusta National and provide all participants a chance to win something.
- This past week we began moving soil as part of our tee station project. Everything has been rough graded at this point, and we anticipate doing final grading next week. If the weather allows, we will get the tee tops seeded and then sod the perimeter of the tee stations. These new areas will not be available for early season play but should be opened by mid-May.
- Pool
 - Applications for the pool will be live on March 1 and will close on March 29 at 4pm. A link to the application will be on our website as well as paper applications available in the Park Office. Janessa Chesnick will be returning as the pool manager.