



## September-October 2023 Operations Department Report

### **BOWEN NATURE PRESERVE**

- The refurbished outhouse has been placed behind the house (not for actual use).
- The west side porch floor has been removed and replaced. A new set of steps was added. The porch has been given a fresh coat of paint and a new storm door.
- Repairs, caulking, and painting have begun on the first floor of the house.
- Assembly of the new windmill, donated from another park district, has started.
- The dried-up cistern has been filled in.
- The generator for the house has been serviced and is ready for any power outages.

### **FORREST NATURE PRESERVE**

- The restroom roof has been repainted.
- An entry gate has been installed at the lower parking lot.

### **FRUTH WETLAND NATURE PRESERVE**

- The mow arm from streaker's has been picked up and tested. It works great and will be used over the winter to do trail maintenance.
- The fuel tanks are installed and hooked up. Equipped with an emergency shut off and a timer so the pumps cannot be accidentally left on. We finally have fuel on site. 😊
- The main entry sign has been re-worked, with a new base added.

### **GARLO HERITAGE NATURE PRESERVE**

- The play tiles (aka "tunnelville") have been relocated to a trail out of site of the main road. The rest of the tiles, that are broken or damaged, will be removed and recycled.

### **MERCY, ZIMMERMAN, AND TIFFIN UNIVERSITY NATURE PRESERVES**

- Parking lots were resealed and restriped in Sept.

### **ST. JOHN'S MILL RIVER ACCESS**

- We have been working with the state for use of our ODOT Metroparks funding for installation of a new gravel parking area. M&B has been contracted for the project.
- The timeline is set to be finished this year.