

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
PERKASIE BOROUGH PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD  
September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2008**

ATTENDANCE:

Parks and Recreation Board Members:

Tom Bancroft  
Matthew Aigeldinger  
Mary McKay  
Betty Jarrett  
Milly Bischoff  
Joshua Aniskevich  
Rich Hendricks  
Ray Conville

Director of Parks and Recreation  
Borough Councilman

Tom Bancroft convened the September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2008 meeting of the Perkasio Borough Parks and Recreation Board at 7:05 pm.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Tom Bancroft led the board in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

**PUBLIC FORUM**

None

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The August meeting of the Park & Recreation Board did not convene as scheduled so no minutes were up for approval at the September meeting for this given month, however the July meeting minutes were proposed for approval being delayed due to the previous month's cancelled meeting but approval was denied and a motion was put forth by Matt Aigeldinger and seconded by Tom Bancroft to amend the minutes to include the actual names of the skaters of the skate park who gave testimonials at the July meeting, along with a greater description of the individual votes taken in the motion to move the skate park back to it's original location.

**NEW BUSINESS**

A) Skate Park Issues & Update:

- The Park & Rec. Director informed those in attendance of recent information forward to himself in regards to the skate parks current structure & design due to the last movement of the skate park. The information was originally provided by Electric Superintendant (Harold Stone) whom took part in the original moving breakdown & re-setup of the entire skate park.
  - The platform for each individual peace of the skate park when moved had to be heated up with a torch and then banged with a hammer to re-mold the bottom portion of each base to fit the shape of an arch, being the current location of the skate park is bowed and the former/original location was flat, thus to have no wobbling or uneven bases the reconfiguration of each base was performed, which in Harold's opinion, compromised the structures support and overall lifespan of quality for the park itself.

- Several individual pieces had to be cut in half and then re-welded back together to fit the new configuration which is the current configuration and layout of the park, again this contributes to a greater compromise of the structures lifespan and support.
  - In Harold's opinion a second move back to it's original location may not be possible due to the basic demolition of parts to the structure and the reconfiguration work involved once again would greatly compromise the support of the structure to the point that it may not be possible to reassemble it once more, thus it wouldn't survive a second move very likely.
- A detailed review of the DVIT (Delaware Valley Insurance & Trust) Risk Control Survey, was issued and reviewed by all P & R Board members present. The report consisted of many risk's throughout the Borough of Perkasio, However the board's focus was on the Skate Park's risk's and recommendations. After reviewing the report the board concluded that more information would be needed to asses what the liabilities would be if the Risk Control Report from DVIT wasn't followed to from start to end. Which ultimately stalled the decision to bring any proposal to move the skate park before Council until more information would be collected.
- B) An update on the Dog Park progress was provided by Tom Bancroft, he informed the board of the following information:
- He (Tom) had researched open space rules & regulations for the Borough's properties and looked into new locations for the park itself, however one of the pending locations involved using land outside of the Borough's property line and would force approval by neighboring Borough Sellersville to approve any land construction or development to progress with the development of the park.
  - A discussion was brought to the table by Mr. Bancroft on how to utilize more pre-existing space with-in our own Borough of Perkasio parks system, but little ideas were offered by those attended. It was concluded that at the next board meeting Mr. Ray Conville would assist Mr. Bancroft in ideas for more pending locations within the Borough's limits.
- C) An update on Fall Fest 2008 was announced by the Parks and Recreation Director, the following information was informed to all in attendance:
- The Park and Rec. Director announced that volunteerism is currently down for the event and asked the P & R Board to assist with certain stations and commit to the event in any way possible.
  - The Park and Rec. Director announced that sponsorship is also low in regards to gift cards and prizes to be awarded to winners of pumpkin carving and decorating contest's along with scarecrow youth and adult's contest, thus less prizes will be awarded if lack of sponsorship continues.
  - The Park and Rec. Director announced that this years Festival would have significant changes then from years past due to the time constraints and lack of official crafters participation in the event. However, it was announced that next years event, Fall Fest 2009, should be able to return to it's originality with proper planning and timing invested into the event itself.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

## **PRESS FORUM**

No press forum

## **ADJOURNMENT**

With there being no further business before the Parks and Recreation Board; motion was made to adjourn at 8:49 pm by Mary McKay and seconded by Betty Jarrett.

The next meeting is scheduled for October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2008, 7:00 pm at Borough Hall within the Vault.

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By: Joshua J. Aniskevich: Director of Parks and Recreation  
Secretary: Pat Kaempf