



**PERKASIE BOROUGH  
PARKS AND RECREATION  
BOARD**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
October 2, 2013 at Borough Hall  
7:00 p.m.**

The Perkasie Borough Parks and Recreation Board (PRB) held their monthly meeting on October 2, 2013 at 620 West Chestnut Street, Perkasie. Present were: Harold Brummett, Chair; Barbara Hollenbach, Nelson Hollenbach, Brian Turner, Mary McKay, Elizabeth Jarrett, and Chris Uncango. Also present was Borough Council Liaison Florence Frei. Staff present was Carolyn Hanel, Interim Director of Parks and Recreation. Chairman Brummett called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

1. Pledge of Allegiance. The Chairman led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Public Forum: There was no public present.
3. Approval of Minutes: Mr. Hollenbach noted that Borough Council Liaison Florence Frei should be added to the list of those present at the September 4, 2013 meeting. On motion by Mary McKay, seconded by Barbara Hollenbach, the minutes of the September 4 meeting were unanimously approved as amended.
4. Old Business
  - October 6 Fall Festival: The PRB reviewed the plans for the October 6 Fall Festival.
  - Park and Rec Board goals, objectives, and expectations: Further discussion on the goals and objectives for the PRB was tabled.
5. Reports
  - Dog Park: Nelson Hollenbach reported on upcoming events sponsored by the Perkasie Dog Owners Group. A “Yappi Hour” will be held at the Lenape Park Pavilion on October 20; Santa Pictures for pets and families will be held on November 17 at Start Dust Ceramics Studio; the 5<sup>th</sup> annual Bark and Wine fundraiser will be held on February 8 (Feb 22 rain date) at K9 Gym in Colmar.

Carolyn Hanel advised Mr. Hollenbach that there was a grant available to assist with funding for the installation of swing sets at Lenape Park. Mr. Hollenbach indicated that he will request a donation from the Dog Owners Group toward the match required for the grant.

- Skate Park: Carolyn Hanel distributed pictures of the recent vandalism at the skate park that resulted in closing the park for several days. An unauthorized piece of equipment was installed in the skate park and had to be removed as per the liability insurance carrier.

Carolyn Hanel announced that Dan Gilbert, Director of Public Works and she will be meeting with the skate park users on October 8 at the Borough Hall.

- Menlo Aquatic Center: The pool was closed on September 3<sup>rd</sup>. As of September 30, 2013 the total pool revenue for 2013 was \$396,435 versus expenses totaling \$341,405.
- Summer Programs: Carolyn Hanel presented a summary of the specialty camps that were held in 2013. Over 140 participants registered for thirteen (13) separate camps. Net revenue was \$1,143. Mary McKay asked about the feasibility of the Borough offering “our own” programs. Carolyn Hanel responded that she will be working on a summer pre-school day camp for 2014. Ms. McKay also asked about programming during school vacations and/or weekends. Carolyn Hanel replied that she is working on some programming for the week between Christmas and New Year’s.

6. New Business

- Eagle Scout Projects: Carolyn Hanel presented a draft listing of projects for Eagle Scouts. She asked the PRB to suggest other projects so that a listing can be established that can be shared when boy scouts inquire about community service projects. The PRB members suggested contacting the Perkasio Historic Society for project ideas. Betty Garrett indicated that she would speak to former Eagle Scouts for project suggestions.
- Trail Use: The PRB suggested that to feasibility of lighting in Lenape Park and along the trail be investigated. The PRB also suggested additional directional and informational signage in the Borough parks as an alternative to one sign listing all the Park Rules.

7. Other Business and Discussion

- 2014 Budget – update: Carolyn Hanel advised the PRB that she attend a budget hearing on September 28. She reported that Council supported the change in format for the Borough newsletter/community guide. This change will facilitate the promotion of park and recreation activities, including aquatic center memberships. The Council also supported the purchase of new software to handle program and event registrations and concession stand sales.
- Family Fridays: The PRB reviewed the setup and procedure for the Family Fridays, which begin October 11.

8. Public Forum: There was no public present.

9. Press Forum: There was no press present.

10. Adjourn: On motion by Barbara Hollenbach, seconded by Betty Garrett, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, November 6, 2013 – 7:00 PM in the Borough Hall Vault.

**“The mission of the Perkasio Park & Recreation Board is to preserve and enhance the park system while planning and supporting events for the benefit and enjoyment of our community”.**