

**PERKASIE BOROUGH
PARKS AND RECREATION
BOARD**

**Minutes of the Meeting
November 6, 2013 at Borough Hall
7:00 p.m.**

The monthly meeting of the Park and Recreation Board was called to order at 7:15 p.m. by Chairman Rich Brommert. Other members in attendance were Nelson Hollenbach, Betty Jarrett and Chris Uncango. A quorum was not present. Also present was Carolyn Hanel, Interim Director of Parks and Recreation.

1. Pledge of Allegiance: Mr. Brommert led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance
2. Public Forum: There were no items for public comment.
3. Approval of Minutes: The Meeting Minutes for October 2, 2013 were tabled.
4. Old Business
 - Menlo Park Dog Restrictions: Those present reviewed the current park rules, which allow dogs in Borough parks on leash unless otherwise posted. Menlo Park has been posted “No Dogs” for several years. The PRB unanimously recommended that the Borough Council repeal the prohibition and allow dogs in Menlo Park on leash. [On November 18, 2013 the Borough Council unanimously voted to remove the prohibition on dogs at Menlo Park.]
 - Eagle Scout Projects: Staff reported that there are several Eagle Scout projects in the planning stages. As these projects involve parks maintenance, Public Works Director Dan Gilbert is coordinating with the Eagle Scout candidates. Carolyn Hanel asked the Park and Rec Board to continue to provide project suggestions.
5. Reports
 - Dog Park: Nelson Hollenbach reported on an item in the local news about a young woman being bitten by a dog at the dog park. Staff advised that there was no incident report filed with either the Borough or the Police Department. It was agreed that no action was necessary.
 - Skate Park: Nelson Hollenbach and Carolyn Hanel reported on the October 8 meeting with the Skate Park Users. They reported that approximately 20 youths and 2 parents attended the meeting. Dan Gilbert, Director of Public Works, also attended the meeting, which focused largely on maintenance issues. The Skate Park Users were enthusiastic about holding a contest/event in the spring of 2014. Another meeting was scheduled for November 12.
6. New Business
 - Baseball Field Renovations: Mark McGarry, representing the Men’s Senior Baseball League and Rocky Wright, representing American Legion Baseball addressed the Park and Rec Board to obtain permission to undertake a field renovation at the Kulp Park ballfield. The scope of the improvements includes:

1. Rebuilding the pitcher's mound inclusive of installing a clay base material to improve both playability of the surface and safety for the pitcher, as well as bring the mound into current specifications.
2. Reworking the home plate area inclusive of installation of the same clay base material to improve playability of the surface and safety for the batters and catchers.
3. Installation of these materials will also improve the maintainability of the areas.
4. The materials to be used are quality products by Pro's Choice (See attached cut sheet)
5. Cost of materials and installation to be split (at this point) by the American Legion Coach- R. Wright and the Perkasio Athletics – MSBL (Approx. cost is \$350.00 for the materials)
6. Work to be performed after the completion of the Fall Ball season later this month by volunteers from the teams as well as coaches
7. The work will be done by people who are very knowledgeable about the aspects of the project and its proper completion.
8. Should time (and equipment) allow the field should be “ Turned Over” by tilling to a depth of 3” to 4” and raked to a smooth surface. (No cost to the Borough)

Mr. McGarry and Mr. Wright provided photos of the existing conditions at the field. The Park and Rec Board members had several questions regarding the safety of the field under existing conditions. Messrs. McGarry and Wright responded that the proposed renovations would address the safety issues. Chris Uncango, who frequently umpires games on the field, agreed with these comments and made a motion that the Park and Recreation Board endorse the project and recommend that Borough Council approve the request. The Park and Rec Board did inquire if representatives of Pennridge High School Baseball, who have priority use of the field, had provided any comments on the project. Staff advised that as of the meeting date, Tom Nuneviller and John Landis had not responded to requests for comment.

Nelson Hollenbach seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously by those present.

- o Memorial Day Parade: Carolyn Hanel advised that the 2014 Memorial Day be held on May 26, 2014 starting at 9:00 a.m. at 7th and Market Sts in Perkasio and end at Menlo Park at approximately 10:30 a.m.

7. Other Business and Discussion

- o 2014 Budget – update: Carolyn Hanel advised that the preliminary budget would be discussed by Council on November 18 with final adoption scheduled for December 2.
- o Family Friday November 8: The PRB members reviewed the preparations necessary for bingo nights.
- o Bocce Courts: The PRB asked Carolyn Hanel to research the feasibility of installing bocce courts in the Borough.

On motion by Mr. Hollenbach, seconded by Mrs. Jarrett, the meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, December 4, 2013 – 7:00 PM in the Borough Hall Vault.

Respectfully submitted,
Carolyn Hanel, Acting Secretary

“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”.