

# **PERKASIE BOROUGH PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD**

## **Minutes of the Meeting March 5, 2014 at Borough Hall 7:00 p.m.**

The monthly public meeting of the Perkasio Borough Park and Recreation Board was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Board Chairman, Richard Brummett. Park and Rec Board members present in addition to the Chairman were, Brian Turner, Chris Uncangco, Delia Ascher (youth delegate), and Mary McKay. Also present was Borough Council Liaison Flo Ann Frei. Staff present was Carolyn Hanel, Park and Recreation Director and Robert Cantz, Intern.

1. Pledge of Allegiance: Mr. Brummett led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance
2. Public Forum: Present to comment on the revised fee schedule for the Menlo Aquatic Center (MAC) were:

Laura Mill, 612 South 12th Street, Sellersville  
Stacy Rawling, 605 South 12<sup>th</sup> Street, Sellersville  
Noreen Levy, 1221 Park Avenue, Perkasio

These three residents expressed concern regarding the impact of the 2014 MAC fees on larger families. Under the previous fee schedule there was one price for a resident family membership (\$230), under the 2014 revisions, the fee is based on the number of family members; not a flat fee. Mrs. Mill indicated that she has been joining under the "Single Parent Family" category (flat rate of \$160.00) but will now have to pay as a family of 5 (\$295.00). Mrs. Mill commented that this is too much of an increase in one year. The PRB and staff responded that the MAC fees had not been adjusted since it opened as an Aquatic Center in 2008 and that the 2014 fees were in line with other public pools in the area. Mrs. Mill responded that the increase should have been implemented incrementally and not in one year.

Staff attempted to explain that the 2014 fees would be discounted by 10% for those registering by April 1, 2014 and that with registration, season pass holder would receive on free daily pass for each member. Mrs. Mill, Mrs. Rawling and Mrs. Levy responded that they would forego the free passes if they could reduce their fee by that amount. They also requested that the 10% discount be extended to May 1.

The residents also expressed other concerns about the pool operations including; putting photos on the member id's, limiting the number of "outside" groups, the conduct of some pool staff, over all cleanliness of the pool, etc.

Mr. Brummett thanked the residents for their sharing their comments and concerns and asked staff to look into the feasibility of implementing the two requests (refund for the guest passes and extending the discount period).

3. Approval of Minutes: Approval of the December 4, 2013 and February 5, 2014 Meeting Minutes was tabled.
  4. Reports
    - Dog Park: In Nelson Hollenbach's absence, Carolyn Hanel reported that the February 8 Bark and Wine Event was a big success.
    - YTD Financials (1/31/2014): Staff distributed a spread sheet reflecting financial activity as compared to budget through January 31, 2014.
  5. New Business
    - April 27 Skate Park Event – Bob Cantz, Intern, updated the PRB on plans for this event. Mr. Cantz is organizing the event as his intern project.
    - DCNR Grant Application – Carolyn Hanel advised the PRB that she would be pursuing a planning grant from DCNR to prepare a master plan for Menlo and Lenape Parks.
    - Bucks County Open Space Grant – Carolyn Hanel reported that the Borough would be utilizing the Bucks County Municipal Open Space Grant funding to acquire easement necessary to extend the Liberty Bell Trail.
  6. Public Forum: There was no public present at this time.
  7. Press Forum: There was no press present.
  8. Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 9:12 on motion by Mary McKay, seconded by Brian Turner.
- Next Meeting: May 7, 2014 – 7:00 PM in the Borough Hall Vault.

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