

PERKASIE BOROUGH PARKS & RECREATION BOARD
MINUTES OF THE MEETING, August 17, 2021
Perkasie Borough Hall, 7:00 p.m.

The monthly meeting of the Perkasie Parks and Recreation Board was called to order at 7:08 pm on August 17th by Lauren Moll. Members present were Dave Broadbent, Emily Greco, Lynne Kallus Rainey, and Robyn Rapp. Absent was Kathy Rocchetti, Bethany Schwendy, and Lisa Walters. Staff Present: Lauren Moll, Director of Parks and Recreation.

1. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Public Forum - none

3 Approval of June 2021 Meeting Minutes – Motioned by Lynne, seconded by Robyn, all in favor.

4 Approval of July 2021 Meeting Minutes – Motioned by Dave, seconded by Emily, all in favor.

5 Old Business Updates

- Amphitheater is still moving forward. The most recent update is that they are finalizing the drawing. The next steps will include first listing all materials needed and confirming all materials needed match the drawing plans. Once confirmed then purchasing of the materials will begin. Only until all materials needed are purchased and received will there be a date of completion.
- Lenape Quad Restrooms follow – up from previous meetings. Lauren confirmed with Public Works that all four restrooms will be ADA accessible.
- Summer Concert Series is almost completed. There was one heat related cancellation last week during the excess heat warning for the area. It is rescheduled for Wednesday, 8/18 weather permitting. Lynn offered to volunteer and assist with the concert reschedule. Feedback from the past few weeks is that two volunteers for the evening works well, Lauren will look into a Sign Up Genius for next summer to streamline the process, and that the rusty electric box lock should be replaced. The rust has made it very difficult to properly lock and unlock the box for the events. Robyn commented that she believed there to be a live electric outlet that prior to her opening the box had worked for a band to start setting up. Lauren said she would look into the live outlet.
- Menlo Aquatics Staffing update is that Lauren was able to hire one part time adult Manager and one part time Pool Manager. Both have limited hours but will help patch up the schedule for the remainder of the season. Perkasie Borough Council approved an end of season bonus for staff who qualify which should also help patch the remaining few weeks of the season. As of Friday,

8/20 Lauren will be over at Menlo most days managing due to staff going back to college.

5 Reports

- July 2021 Parks and Recreation Report – no comments

6 New Business

- Fall Programming/Events possibly scheduled would be a movie in the park in September, community yard sale in conjunction with the Farmer's Market in October, an American Red Cross Babysitting course in November. Feedback regarding these events were suggested looking into a drive in movie option instead of park and utilizing the local high school parking lot however the sound system would need to be look into further. Suggestions were brought up from all board members surrounding use the PA system, radio, or Bluetooth. When discussed the idea of bringing back bus trips all members felt with the current raise in COVID cases and masking mandates it may be best to wait.
- Menlo 2022 ideas and ways to evaluate this past season. Ideas and discussion included:
 - Increasing wages for staff and how that could in turn increase membership prices to assist with covering the difference. However additional, low cost, amenities would need to be included in the memberships
 - Lynne suggested looking at the demographics of the members and using that information to help target new programs and events.
 - Dave suggested end of season surveys
 - There was much discussion surrounding the idea of assisting local prospective lifeguards with the cost of their certifications whether through a reimbursement program, in conjunction with the local school curriculum, or a local business sponsorship program that could include perks such as a pool party for that business at the end of the season.

7 Other Business and Discussion – More ideas for fall programming were brought up including Trunk or Treat and Bingo at the local school. Also Robyn recommended having physical surveys at the Farmer's Market to fill out and reaching out to the local Chamber of Commerce for assistant in location businesses that may be interested in sponsorship programs.

8 Adjourn: There being no additional business, the meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm. Motioned by Lauren, seconded by Lynne, all in favor.

Next Meeting: September 21, 2021 – 7:00 PM at Perkasio Borough Hall.

“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.”

Minutes respectfully submitted by
Lauren Moll
Secretary, Perkasio Borough Parks & Recreation Board