

PERKASIE BOROUGH PARKS & RECREATION BOARD
MINUTES OF THE MEETING, September 26, 2023
Perkasie Borough Hall, 7:00 p.m.

The monthly meeting of the Perkasie Parks and Recreation Board was called to order at 7:04 pm on September 26, 2023 by Lauren Moll. Members present were Dave Broadbent, Kathy Rocchetti, Robyn Rapp, and Bethany Schwendy. Absent was Emily Greco, Lynne Kallus Rainey, and Lisa Walters. Staff Present: Lauren Moll, Director of Parks and Recreation, and Dave Worthington, Perkasie Borough Councilman.

1. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Public Forum - none

3. Approval of August 2023 Meeting Minutes – Motioned by Robyn, seconded by Bethany, all in favor.

4. Old Business

- Kulp Park Renovation Project
 - There is no update at this time. Staff are working on a third grant application for this project through the LSA DCED grant that is currently open and closed as the end of November.
- Park and Recreation Sponsorships
 - The Perkasie Rotary has agreed to sponsor the Santa House and Letters to Santa this year. Staff continue to look for sponsors to be able to offer additional free or affordable programs for the community.
- Lenape Park Pedestrian Bridge
 - There is no update at this time. Staff have worked with engineers to apply for permits through the DEP.
- Winter Bus Trip
 - To follow up from last month's meeting Lauren informed the Board that an On Your Own bus trip to NYC was scheduled for Saturday, 12/9. Staff are looking for a Board volunteer to chaperone this trip.

5. New Business

- Skate Park
 - Lauren reminded the Board that last meeting they recommended putting together a sub committee for the skate park. After review with Council and staff Lauren explained that there has been numerous support from community members to be a part and that the next steps would be for the Board to discuss the goals of the subcommittee. Kathy explained that the goal would be to create a park that meets the community's expectations and needs and the board discussed that the subcommittee would be used as a resource for contact with additional park users, skate park research, and possible future programs and funding ideas. Kathy volunteered herself to be a part of the subcommittee and the Board asked that Lauren reach out to the absent members to see if someone else wanted to volunteer rather than just nominate someone. A member from the public was in attendance and Kathy opened the floor to public

comment.

- Joel Nieto of 326 S 5th Street Perkasio commented that he was in attendance to get an update on the skate park from the previous meetings. He commented the need to support the park especially after the most recent news and asked about ways his son could assist. He also explained a recent local park renovation that did not include skate park user feedback and created an unwanted and slightly dangerous park and didn't want anything similar to happen in Perkasio.
- Menlo Update
 - Menlo has officially closed up for the season. The Doggie Dip was twice as attended as last year with over 60 dogs. Pool is still in the process of being drained, covered, and winterized and therefore still waiting on final closing invoices. At this time Lauren gave an update regarding the revenues and expenditures for the year and stated that expenditures are below the budgeted amount but due to the rough weather start of the season so are the revenues. Lauren explained to the Board that looking back through the years June is one of highest selling membership months and this past June the pool closed or had bad weather up to 12-15 days.
- Programming Update
 - Perkasio Borough Connection Newsletter was mailed last week and included a final run down of Fall and Winter programs and events that are now open for registration. Staff continue to work on creating new programs such as additional adult seminars.
- Tennis & Pickleball Usage
 - Lauren updated the board that there continues to be high usage at the courts which has cause some issues. Staff believe there is a discrepancy between the posted rules and pickleball etiquette causing some of the issues. Along with additional pickleball lines being added to the tennis courts staff are working with instructors to update those rules and create new ones for the newly lined courts.
- Lenape Park Twin Bridges
 - Lauren reminded the Board that last meeting a steel lattice was presented as an option. The estimated quote was \$11,000 so staff are continuing to look for other more affordable safety measures. The past white wood lattice was estimated to be \$800 and safety wiring at \$8,000.
- Volunteer program and event opportunities
 - Lauren explained to the Board that this weekend was the annual Fall Fest and was looking for assistance for scarecrow judging and ADA parking assistance. Kathy volunteered for judging and Robyn for parking assistance. Staff are also looking for volunteers for the upcoming bus trip and Kathy volunteered.

6. Reports

- July & August 2023 - no comment

7. Other Business and Discussion – Dave addressed the rag weed and lack of walking space at the community garden and suggested adjusting the plots to allow mower access to the walking space for easier maintenance in 2024.

8. Adjourn: There being no additional business, the meeting adjourned at 8:03 pm. Motioned by Kathy, seconded by Bethany, all in favor.

Next Meeting: October 27, 2023 – 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
Robyn Rapp
Secretary, Perkasio Borough Parks & Recreation Board