

PERKASIE BOROUGH PARKS & RECREATION BOARD
MINUTES OF THE MEETING, April 16, 2024
Perkasie Borough Hall, 7:00 p.m.

The monthly meeting of the Perkasie Parks and Recreation Board was called to order at 7:03 pm on April 16, 2024 by Lauren Moll. Members present were Joel Nieto, Joan Loeb, Lynne Kallus Rainey, Kathy Rocchetti, Robyn Rapp, and Bethany Schwendy. Absent was Jamon Yerger. Staff Present: Lauren Moll, Director of Parks and Recreation, and David Worthington, Perkasie Borough Councilman.

1. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Public Forum - none

3. Approval of March 2024 Meeting Minutes – Motioned by Robyn, seconded by Bethany, all in favor.

4. Old Business Updates

- Kulp Park Renovation Project
 - Lauren explained there is no update currently for this project. The Borough is still waiting on funding announcements for a grant application through the DCED.
- Lenape Park Pedestrian Bridge
 - Work for this project is due to start this Thursday with the removal of the old bridge through Public Works. Contracted work is slated to start on Monday, 4/22 with the new bridge being installed later next week. The community and little league have been alerted.
- Skate Park
 - Lauren gave an update to the bid opening from earlier in the month and state that Council awarded the bid to the Bray Brothers for \$49,800. The Borough is now just waiting on the submittal of their required documents.
- Pennridge Little League field lights upgrades
 - Lauren explained that all components including poles, wiring, lights were all ordered and delivered and work will start in the next few weeks, weather dependent.
- Park Clean Up
 - Lauren reminded the Board that the annual Park Clean Up is scheduled for Saturday, 4/20 starting at 9am. Kathy offered to take on waiver registration and table set up.

5. Reports

- March 2024 – no comment

6. New Business

- Menlo 2024
 - Lauren gave an update to Menlo including that the pool is currently 100% staffed contingent on all staff handing in required HR documents and that the

pool is continuing to sell memberships. At the end of March membership totals are about 100 below last March 2023 however in the past March was the end of the discount period and this year the discount period is extended through April. The staff are continuing to use social media and other outlets for marketing to sell memberships.

- 2024 Programming
 - Lauren gave an update on all 2024 programs that are scheduled out and explained the need for assistance from the Board for some weekend and/or fall programs. A Sign-Up Genius will be created as in the past.
- Non-profit use of LED sign
 - Lauren explained to the board that the Borough receives requests from non-profits to use the Borough owned LED sign in Lenape Park and asked the board to discuss the possibility of allowing a slide to be used by local non-profits.
 - During the discussion Joan explained how allowing expanded use would be inclusive. All board members discussed the need to have clear and necessary guidelines. Robyn stated that there are other opportunities in other locations such as local businesses for non-profits to marketing themselves and/or programs. Bethany stated that it could be difficult managing from the administrative side, that there were other opportunities, and that one slide would probably not satisfy the need. All board members agreed that the oversight, maintenance, and administrative side would be a lot.
 - After discussion Kathy made the motion to recommend that Council continue to restrict use of the sign to Borough related information, events, and emergencies. Bethany seconded, Joan abstained, the rest in favor.
- National Park and Rec Month
 - July is National Park and Recreation Month and Lauren explained last year the free programs held in the park system. The Board discussed other possible programs and/or events such as a skate park program, educational programs, cornhole tournament, stargazing, and orienteering. The Board also brought up having an Art Walk event. Lauren will look into all suggestions and continue to include National Park and Rec Month as an agenda item.

7. Other Business and Discussion – Dave asked about the possibility of changing the Menlo Facebook account to Perkasio Parks and Recreation account since Menlo is a part of the park and recreation department. Lauren said she would look into the logistics if that is a possibility through Facebook policies.

8. Adjourn: There being no additional business, the meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm. Motioned by Kathy, seconded by Joan, all in favor.

Next Meeting: May 21 16, 2024 – 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