

PERKASIE BOROUGH PARKS & RECREATION BOARD
MINUTES OF THE MEETING, May 21, 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 May 21, 2024 by Lauren Moll. Members present were Joel Nieto, Joan Loeb, Kathy Rocchetti, and Jamon Yerger. Absent was Lynne Kallus Rainey, Robyn Rapp, Bethany Schwendy, and Jamon Yerger. Staff Present: Lauren Moll, Director of Parks and Recreation.

1. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Public Forum - none

3. Approval of April 2024 Meeting Minutes – Motioned by Jamon, seconded by Joel, all in favor.

4. Old Business Updates

- Kulp Park Renovation Project
 - Lauren explained that there is no update on this project and the Borough is currently applying for another grant through DCED due at the end of May.
- Lenape Park Pedestrian Bridge
 - Work is completed for this project with the exception of rail repair. The Borough is waiting on final payments to be submitted to the grant for reimbursement.
- Skate Park Committee
 - Joel gave an update to the Board on the last Skate Park Committee meeting where the committee discussed different name options for the park.
- Penridge Little League field lights upgrades
 - Lauren explained that 3 out of the 4 poles are completed and the work should be finished the last week of May.

5. Reports

- April 2024 – no comment

6. New Business

- Menlo 2024
 - Lauren gave an update on the status of Menlo which is opening Memorial Day. The pools are open and ready, the facility is fully staffed, and memberships were up about 150 compared to last year.
- National Park and Rec Month
 - Lauren asked the Board for ideas on additional free programs for National Park and Recreation Month and the Board suggested another movie in the park and reaching out to local businesses to sponsor it.
- Pavilion Reservation Head Count
 - Lauren explained that the policy in the past for personal reservation, not events, has been any reservation request over 50 requires Perkasie Borough Council approval. Due to the timing of Council meetings in the summer and the consistency in which the pavilions are reserved there are instances where

renters go elsewhere due to not knowing if their request is approved or not. The Board also commented that when you invite 50 most times the actual guest list is less. After discussion, Joel made a motion to change the policy to 75 and over, Joan seconded, all in favor.

- Community Garden
 - Lauren started with the Borough would like to thank the family that has been donating their space for the Community Garden since 2009 and that the Borough has been very grateful for use of the space free of charge. Lauren also explained that the owners have recently indicated the future need to sell or lease that space. The Board discussed the gardens registration and finances the last 15 years. The Board asked what fail value would be and if there were other spaces in the Borough to possibility move to if needed. The Board recognized that the revenue might not cover the cost of a lease but that there was a need to keep a Community Garden. Lauren would check with Public Works about other available spaces to discuss at the next meeting.
- Reschedule June Meeting
 - Jamon made a motion to reschedule the next meeting to June 11, 2024 at 7:00pm; Joel seconded, all in favor.

7. Other Business and Discussion – The Board discussed Porchfest and Lauren explained that the Borough had released a statement on social media and comment during the last Perkasio Borough Council meeting. Lauren also explained that the Park and Recreation Department was not involved.

8. Adjourn: There being no additional business, the meeting adjourned at 8:14 pm. Motioned by Kathy, seconded by Joan, all in favor.

Next Meeting: June 11, 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