

PERKASIE BOROUGH PARKS & RECREATION BOARD

March 18, 2025, 6:30 p.m.

Perkasie Borough Hall

The monthly meeting of the Perkasie Parks and Recreation Board was called to order at 6:34 pm on March 18, 2025 by Lauren Moll. Members present were Joan Loeb, Joel Nieto, Kathy Rocchetti, and Jamon Yerger. Absent was Joe Koenig, Lynne Kallus Rainey, and Robyn Rapp. Staff present: Lauren Moll, Parks and Recreation Director, Shiv Gandevia, Perkasie Borough Council Youth Representative, and Dave Worthington, Perkasie Borough Council Representative.

1. Public Forum

- Jim from 102 Valley View Lane, Perkasie commented on pickleball courts, and the safety concern associated with balls going through the open walkways in the fences. Jim suggested the need for gates and suggested that a local group could possibly fundraise to assist in the cost.

2. Approval of Minutes – Kathy noted that she is missing from being marked as present for the meeting. Upon a motion by Joel, seconded by Joan, the Board approved the minutes with the edit that Kathy was present for the February 18, 2025, meeting.

3. Old Business

- Kulp Renovation Project
 - Lauren gave an update on this project including the LSA amendment that will include engineering as an approved expense and that survey work has been completed for the location.
 - The Board started discussing reopening activities.
- Community Garden
 - Lauren gave an update on this project including land acquisition grant the Borough is applying for through DCNR. Lauren also explained that Perkasie Borough Council approved the reallocation of Fees in Lieu for purchase of the parcel if approved.
- Volunteer Opportunities
 - Joan and Joel reported on how Celtic Fest went earlier this month and requested that next year having Summer Concert Series information would be beneficial.
 - Jamon and Kathy offered to assist with the Pickleball Open House and competition check-in on Saturday May 10th from 830-1030am.

4. February 2025 Report – no comment

5. New Business

- Menlo 2025
 - Lauren gave a brief updating on memberships, staffing, and upcoming maintenance items to prepare for the 2025 season.
- Park Clean Up
 - The Board agreed to the annual Park Clean up on Saturday 4/26 at 9am. Kathy volunteered to be the main point of contact for the Board and Joel for the Skate

Park Committee. The Board would like to focus on beautification and having a flower bulb drive alongside the usual trash pickup.

- 2025 Sponsorship Guide
 - Lauren presented a draft design of the 2025 Parks and Recreation Department Sponsorship Guide. After review, the Board approved the design with the suggestion by Shiv to see if payment can be made online.
- PRPS Conference
 - Kathy reported on her attendance at the Pennsylvania Recreation and Park Society's annual conference.

6. Other Business and Discussion –

- Dave suggested new Adirondack chairs for Menlo
- Kathy suggested a wildflower pollinator space and bee houses along the trail for a scout project.
- John from 601 W Spruce Street, Apartment 9, Perkasio commented on the pickleball courts and suggested improvements included lighter colored pickleball lines on the tennis courts, cameras due to vandalism, use of windbreakers, the safety hazard of the drop off by the basketball courts, and additional access to the facility building for temporary pickleball nets.

7. Adjourn: There being no additional business, the meeting adjourned at 8:13pm with a motion by Jamon.

Next Meeting: April 15, 2025 – 6:30 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."

Respectfully Submitted,
Robyn Rapp
Secretary
Perkasio Borough Parks & Recreation Board