

## PERKASIE BOROUGH PARKS & RECREATION BOARD

March 17, 2026, 6:30 p.m.

Perkasie Borough Hall

The monthly meeting of the Perkasie Parks and Recreation Board was called to order at 6:33 pm on March 17, 2026, by Lauren Moll. Members present were Joan Loeb, Joel Nieto, Robyn Rapp, Kathy Rocchetti and Jamon Yerger. Absent was Joe Koeing and Lynne Kallus Rainey. Also present was Lauren Moll, Parks and Recreation Director, Shiv Gandevia, Perkasie Borough Council Youth Representative, Lilli Benner, Perkasie Borough Council Representative, Kelly Lausten, Perkasie Borough Council Representative, and Dave Worthington, Perkasie Borough Council Representative.

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Public Forum
  - a. Two representatives from the Perkasie Garden Club spoke to inform the Borough about issues they see at the Menlo Park memorial garden including damage to the garden edging due to snow removal, cannon cleaning, and other long-term maintenance items. Dave suggested adding an agenda item to future meeting to ensure these items are addressed and Lauren said she would reach out regarding what long term maintenance items are needed as well as follow up with the Public Works Director about the edging and cannons.
  - b. John Gatter of 601 W Spruce Street asked the Board for an update on addressing pickleball court cracks, court drop off, and dates for maintenance items that were approved in the 2026 budget. Lauren informed the Board that staff have a meeting next week to discuss the cracks, will follow up with Public Works about the drop off, and have already reached out and waiting on an installation date for the new approved court gates.
3. Mural Presentation
  - a. Sofia Gonzalez-Ortiz presented a mural idea to the Board for a mural underneath the Main Street bridge along the Pleasant Spring Creek walking and biking path.
  - b. Kathy asked Sofia's plans with funding and if she has researched and had intention of applying for any of the grants listed, explaining that there is not current budget for this project. Kathy also explained the public process that the Board would like to see and how the mural on 8<sup>th</sup> Street was handled. Sofia understood and asked if her project was donated, would the Borough be able to not ask for other artists. Lauren explained to the Board that if Sofia was interested in donating her time, expertise, and installation of a mural to the Borough and not request funding from the Borough the Borough could make the decision not to put a RFP out for other artists but would still need to go through the public process in terms of approval of mural design, location, and artist agreements for a recommendation of the Park and Recreation Board and Council approvals; using scout projects as an example for possible procedures.
  - c. Dave explained information found about the bridge and how it is County owned. Jamon suggested as the Borough investigates the County owned bridge that Sofia also come up with a list of other possible locations for a mural and related cost estimates to continue discussing. Jamon asked for an agenda item to be

included at the next meeting regarding the mural and that Sofia attends the next meeting as well.

4. Approval of Meeting Minutes
  - a. Upon a motion by Jamon, seconded by Joel, the Board approves the meeting minutes from February 2026. All in favor.
5. Old Business
  - a. Kulp Renovation Project
    - i. Lauren explained that work started back up today and hoping to continue next week with good weather.
  - b. Community Garden
    - i. Lauren informed the Board that Council approved the grant agreement and now it is waiting signature from the state.
  - c. Kulp Scoreboard
    - i. Lauren informed the Board that the Borough has not been able to secure funding at this time but will continue to solicit donations and discuss other financing options with the contractors.
  - d. Ribbon Cutting Events
    - i. Lauren reminded the Board of upcoming ribbon cutting for early May for the Community Garden and possible summer ribbon cutting for Kulp, pending project completion.
  - e. AARP Community Grant Application
    - i. Lauren informed the Board that Council approved applying for amphitheater accessibility upgrades through the AARP grant and impact fee designation if needed. Grant application was submitted earlier this month.
6. Reports – No comments.
7. New Business
  - The Spine Logo
    - Jameon presented the Board with the updated logo. On a motion by Jamon, seconded by Joan, the Board approved The Spine logo and top 5 colors chosen by the Board at the previous meeting. All in favor.
  - Earth Day Event
    - Lauren gave the Board an update on vendor participation and reminded the Board that the event is scheduled Sunday April 19 from 11-3pm.
    - Kathy and Joel volunteered to work a morning shift, Joan an afternoon shift, and Jamon both shifts. Joel asked to continue to offer a park cleaning in the morning.
  - Funding Opportunities
    - The Board discussed funding opportunities through T-Mobile to apply for technological improvements at the amphitheater. On a motion from Joel, seconded by Robyn, the Board approves the staff drafting a letter of support from the Board and authorizing the Board Chair to sign it. All in favor.
  - Advertising in the Parks
    - The Board discussed that they do not want to use the use of banners or larger billboards in the parks. Jamon would like staff to continue researching the possibility of using tv screens at Menlo to sell advertising space and Joel asked staff to research the possible revenue that could be

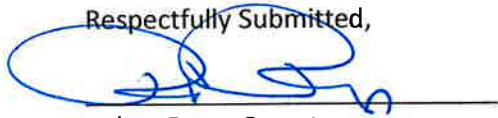
brought in. The Board asked to continue discussions at future meetings aimed specifically at Menlo.

- Discussion of Mural Presentation
    - There was no further discussion.
  - Menlo 2026
    - Lauren gave the Board an updated on staffing, membership sales, and improvement projects.
8. Other Business and Discussion
- a. Joel asked about an e-bike update and Lauren explained that Council approved the Boards recommendations and the Borough is waiting on a draft updated ordinance from the solicitor.
  - b. The Board opened a second public forum since members of the Perkasio Garden Club were still present. The representatives brought up past issues with the Community Garden such as soil concerns, wheelbarrow access, and deer and stated that they do not want the plot reserved for the Perkasio Garden Club anymore.
9. Adjourn: There being no additional business, the meeting adjourned at 8:16 pm with a motion by Jamon, seconded by Robyn.

Next Meeting: April 21, 2026 – 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