

PERKASIE BOROUGH PARKS & RECREATION BOARD

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING,
October 15th, 2019**

Perkasie Borough Hall, 7:00 p.m.

The monthly meeting of the Perkasie Parks and Recreation Board was called to order at 7:01 pm on October 15 by Megan Prusienski. Members present were Dave Broadbent, Bethany Schwendy, Kathy Rocchetti, Lisa Walters, and Samantha Darrell. Staff Present was Aaron Clark, Council Liaison, Megan Prusienski, Director of Parks and Recreation. Those not present: Chris Uncango, two vacancies

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Public Forum - none
3. Approval of Meeting Minutes: September 17th, after correction from “mad” to “made”, motioned by Lisa, seconded by Kathy, all in favor.
4. Old Business Updates
 - Spruce Street Swings should be installed soon. The skate park is priority at the moment. We also have an Eagle Scout candidate that will be cleaning/repairing the bench/picnic table at Spruce as well as five benches at Kulp Park.
 - Tree City USA Designation – Council approved moving forward on the Perkasie designation of Tree City USA. The park and recreation board will now also function as a tree board. We can work on an update Tree Ordinance that council will approve. We also have to come up with an event/planting for Arbor Day 2020. Board suggested planting a tree in honor of Nelson Hollenbach for all his years of service to the various boards in Perkasie.
 - Pool Rates for 2020, with council approval a yearly increase of 3% will take place for all memberships. Daily rates staying the same. Board discussed the possibility of a “corporate rate” that would be half of the NR rate and available to businesses within Perkasie with over 50 employees. Discussion arose about a Nanny rate since our memberships are non-transferable. Will be looking into that for next meeting.
 - Upcoming Events/Recap of Fall Fest – hoping to have music at Menlo for 2020. Thanks the many volunteers to help make this come together, discussion of how Town Center was very popular and everyone loved the entertainment and football theme.
5. Reports
 - Park and Recreation Reports: September No comments.
6. New Business
 - Fall Programs/Events – please save the date for the Tree Lighting, Saturday, Dec. 7th. Dave mentioned he could help with the carriage rides again. Bethany suggested she could possibly get her choir students to come to the shopping tent in the am – will discuss with Linda the needs of extending the weekend.
 - Scheduled a few “School’s Out Programs” and the engineering ones seems to be the most successful at the moment.
 - Fencing for Menlo can be an “L” instead of enclosed as the area on Park is not necessary to avoid car collisions. The board agreed the most cost and maintenance efficient was the way to go.
7. New Business
 - Dave mentioned the fountain at the Skate Pavilion was not working and we discussed how Public Works is aware of the problem.
 - Update on campaigning – Mr. Rajan was sent a letter from the Borough’s solicitor about his actions at Menlo Aquatic Center during Labor Day Weekend.
 - Bethany brought up the importance of no smoking in the park system. There is an ordinance about smoking and it is labeled on our signage. We can look into more signage and “young lungs at play” campaign and more signage along the trails.

- Interest about who may be taking over in the old Down to Earth Café space. A few interested parties have been in contact with the Economic Development Coordinator and they hope to have some definite information in the next few months.
8. Adjourn: There being no additional business, the meeting adjourned at 8:04 pm. Motioned by Bethany, seconded by Kathy, all in favor.

Next Meeting: November 19th, 2019 – 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.”