

PERKASIE BOROUGH PARKS & RECREATION BOARD
MINUTES OF THE MEETING, November 16, 2021
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 November 16th by Lauren Moll. Members present were Dave Broadbent, Lynne Kallus Rainey, Robyn Rapp, Kathy Rocchetti, and Bethany Schwendy. Absent was Emily Greco and Lisa Walters. Staff Present: Lauren Moll, Director of Parks and Recreation.

1. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Public Forum - none

3. Approval of October 2021 Meeting Minutes – Motioned by Lynne, seconded by Bethany, all in favor.

4. Old Business Updates

- Amphitheater is still moving forward. Excavating and footings started on 11/1. Crane scheduled for 11/30, 12/15, 1/12, and 1/13. In terms of funding the Bucks County Open Space Grant was granted and extension and now expires on 6/30/2022.
- Fall Programming Update:
 - American Red Cross babysitting course ran on Sunday 11/7 from 9a-3pm. There were 19 participants enrolled which was over the max but approved by the instructors. There were also some on the waitlist so this program will run again in March 2022.
 - Virtual SAT math prep class began 11/7 as well. Program runs four Sunday in November via Zoom. Only had 3 registered which was more than the last time it was run in February. The course has not seen very good numbers so unsure if it will be run in the future. Discussion then surrounded the idea that the SAT Exams are being used less in terms of college enrollment and some colleges and universities are using ACT exam scores moving forward.
 - Winter 2022 programming and ideas are currently being worked on.
- Hurricane Ida Flood Damage:
 - An update was given on the fence damage and repair process. The Kulp Baseball Field repairs started 11/3. The Dog Park repairs started 11/4. Both are now completed and the Spruce Street walk/bike path and Kulp Wade Pool fencing are next to be repaired starting this week.
 - The Covered Bridge repair process is being broken down into two phases. The design phase which is scheduled for this winter and the construction phase scheduled for Spring/Summer 2022. Within the design phase there is the rebuild design and the abutment design. Currently Perkasie Borough is accepting bid proposals for the rebuild design. The abutment design will be next which includes raising the abutments, changing the orientation to match the water flow, and fastening the bridge to the abutments. With most of the park system, with the exception being Menlo Park, being within the flood zone the relation of the bridge is not really an option.

5 Reports

- October 2021 Parks and Recreation Report

- Comments and questioned regarding the Craftery Market scheduled for 11/20 and if this was a Borough run event. It was explained that it was being organized and run through The Craftery but light marketing was being done since it is being hosted by Perkasio Borough and will assist in foot traffic for our local run businesses as well.

6 New Business

- Worked with Gilmore and Associates and Public Works to find a new location for the Pennridge Little League swings which is still by bleachers for parent supervisor and field view as intended but flatter location for safety. Will require new mulching area as well as ADA path from current walkway but now that an area has been found the swings can be purchased and installed in 2022.
- 8th Street Freight Station sketch plan was posted on Social Media for public community feedback. Had a lot of positive feedback regarding the use of the space, the idea of having space for recreation activities. Also had calls for other uses such as indoor market, art studio, splash pad, something that could be used year around, more inclusive facilities. Judy Stern Goldstien from Gilmore and Associates was present to answer any board member questions. In terms of cost the sketch is still in the early stages in term of development. Would need to look into grant funding as well as use of Park and Rec Fees to match grant funding.
- Small Business Saturday is scheduled for 11/27 from 11am-3pm in town center. Small vendor event including food vendors and makers located in front of town center businesses to promote shopping small this holiday season. This is only the second year so a lot of marketing needs to be done prior to the event to ensure community involvement.
- Tree Lighting Ceremony is scheduled for 12/4 from 5-8pm. Vendors limited to food and local non-profits. Santa to be there but not for pictures due to COVID. Most planning completed due to Linda Reid being out of the country for the next week.

7 Other Business and Discussion – none

8 Adjourn: There being no additional business, the meeting adjourned at 7:57 pm. Motioned by Lauren, seconded by Lynne, all in favor.

Next Meeting: December 21st, 2021 – 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
Lauren Moll
Secretary, Perkasio Borough Parks & Recreation Board